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**LETTER OF CORRECTION - AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE (AFP) APPEARANCE
BEFORE SENATE BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING 23 MAY 2007**

During the Budget Estimates Hearing before the Senate, Legal and Constitutional Affairs - Standing Committee on 23 May 2007, Commissioner Keelty advised that the AFP had not received a referral by way of Correspondence from Senator the Hon Helen Coonan, in relation to the alleged misuse of post office boxes in the Northern Territory. The Commissioner stated correspondence had been provided to the Attorney General's Department (AGD).

I write to correct the record that on 23 February 2007, the office of the Minister for Justice and Customs received the letter from Senator Coonan, and the ministerial correspondence database was updated to reflect the letter had been sent to AGD. This was the basis of which the response was provided.

Further examination by AFP staff has determined that the correspondence was received from the Ministers office on 27 February 2007. The correspondence was provided to the National Manager, Economic and Special Operations and the matter is currently being evaluated.

Yours Sincerely



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