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Secretary of the Committee
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

CORRECTION TO PUBLIC HANSARD RECORDS - SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 26 MAY 2011

During the Senate Estimates Committee held on 26 May 2011, the Committee raised questions with the Commissioner in relation to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's monitoring report 2010.

In response to a question by Senator TROOD about the Ombudsman's monitoring report the Commissioner indicated that two draft recommendations were withdrawn by the Ombudsman. The Commissioner subsequently attempted to clarify the issue at Senate Estimates, however, a recent review of the Commissioner's comments has identified they contain a minor inaccuracy.

To correct the record and ensure the Senate has accurate information, the AFP offers the following statement:

'The Commonwealth Ombudsman's monitoring report of 2010 is correct; no recommendations were changed or removed from this report'.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Greg Durr, AOCC Legislation Compliance Team on

Yours sincerely

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