



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

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Ms Jackie Morris
Acting Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Room S1.61
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Morris

Legal and Constitutional Affairs: Supplementary Budget Estimates - 30 October 2006

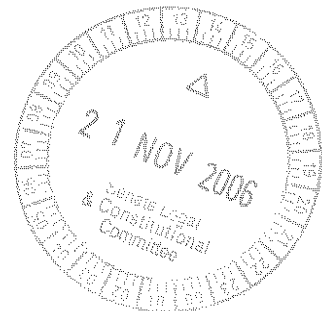
I provided evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 30 October 2006. Since reviewing the Hansard record of the hearings and having consulted with Departmental colleagues, I am writing to you to correct the evidence I provided.

Specifically, on page 93 of the Hansard, I was asked the following question by Senator Kerry Nettle: "Is that the only outstanding matter in relation to their case". In response I provided the following answer: "I believe so".

I can now advise that at the time of the hearings, Ms Virginia Leong and her daughter Naomi were the subject of a Ministerial submission regarding the Ministers non-compellable public interest powers under section 197AB of the *Migration Act 1958*. In this regard, while my response was not intended to mislead, it was not accurate and I would seek your assistance to have the record amended to reflect this information.

Yours sincerely

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