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Dear Ms Faehrmann

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify evidence I provided to Portfolio Committee No. 7 during the Energy and Environment hearing for Budget Estimates on 2 March 2021.

At the hearing, the Hon. Adam Searle asked about remediation of private properties impacted by PFAS from the RAAF Base Williamtown. As part of my response, recorded on page 29 of the uncorrected transcript, I referred to 'the 2019 report' that indicated 'a decrease in PFAS in the aquatic biota' and 'between 2016 and 2020 a decrease in the level of PFAS'.

The report to which I referred was in fact prepared in 2020 on behalf of the Department of Defence.

If you have any questions about this clarification, please contact Ms Sandra Harris, Director, Ministerial Services, Environment, Energy and Science, via or

Yours sincerely

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