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6 June, 2012

The Hon. Tania Rattray MLC  
Chair  
Estimates Committee B  
Parliament House  
Hobart Tasmania 7000

Dear Ms Rattray

**BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2012**

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the Honorable Ivan Dean MLC arising out of the Estimates Committee B of 29 May 2012, of which you were the Chair.

Yours sincerely

T J Ellis SC  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

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Dear Mr Dean

**BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2012**

Now the transcript for my appearance before Estimates Committee B in the afternoon of Tuesday, 29 May 2012 is available, I see that my answer to one of the questions you asked me is inaccurate. I do not know whether the inaccuracy is in the transcribing or in what I said, or perhaps a bit of both, but insofar as it is my fault I apologise.

You asked me about setting up an office in Burnie and the answer that is recorded contains, *"We have a Witness Assistance lawyer there. We have a lawyer there at the moment who is doing Child Protection work. He is not permanent. He will come back to us in another capacity at the end of June when the lady who has been on maternity leave will take up the Witness Assistance."*

The fact is that we do not have a Witness Assistance "lawyer", as they are officers, not lawyers (although one is indeed admitted as a lawyer). Also, the lady who has been on maternity leave will take up the Child Protection work, not witness assistance.

I thought I should draw this to your attention. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Chair also.

Yours sincerely

T J Ellis SC  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

cc The Hon. Tania Rattray MLC