

Australian Government Department of Health

Associate Secretary

Ms Apolline Kohen Secretary, Community Affairs Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Kohen

Correction of evidence to the Budget Estimates 2020-21 Hearing – 27 October 2020

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the Department of Health Portfolio in the Budget Estimates 2020-21 Hearing on 27 October 2020.

In answering a question from Senator Smith, I provided a response relating to the advertising expenses for the COVIDSafe app. At the time, as is noted in Hansard on Page 22, I said, *'The cost of the COVIDSafe app's specific advertising in 2019-20 was* \$6.95 million.'

The correct figure is \$6.995 million. I apologise for this error and would be grateful if the Hansard could be updated to reflect this information.

Yours sincerely

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Caroline Edwards

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