



Ms Apolline Kohen
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Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Kohen

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Budget Estimates 2021-22 Health Portfolio hearing of 2 June 2021.

I wish to correct evidence I provided to the Committee during its examination of the Health portfolio, Outcome 3 (page 90 of the Hansard Proof refers).

In answering questions from Senator Siewert, I provided information about the number of incidents reported under the Serious Incident Response Scheme (SIRS) between the commencement of SIRS on 1 April 2021 and 12 May 2021.

The relevant excerpt and my correction is provided at **Attachment A**.

Yours sincerely

Janet Anderson PSM
Commissioner

28 June 2021

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Ms Anderson: There are a larger number of notifications we have received, but the balance of the notifications are priority 2. We've not done detailed analysis of that balance, because the priority 1 notifications are both reportable from 1 April and speak to a high impact on a resident, so they are the ones in which we have the greatest interest.

Senator SIEWERT: So there are more. Can you tell me how many there are for priority 2?

Ms Anderson: Yes, I can—4,496 in total.

Correction:

The figure of 4,496 relates to total SIRS reports.

Of these:

- 1,876 were Priority 1 reportable incidents
- The balance of 2,620 incidents notified to the Commission by providers did not meet the criteria for Priority 1 reportable incidents (that is, were out-of-scope). Many of these out-of-scope notifications would be classified as a Priority 2 reportable incident from 1 October 2021 and are currently not required to be reported to the Commission.