



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Ms Pothida Youhorn
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Youhorn

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Budget Estimates 2022-23 Health Portfolio hearing on 8 November 2022.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Aged Care (page(s) 62 of the Proof Hansard refer).

In answering a question from Senator Ruston, I said: "Chair, just very quickly, I've got some more information on those matters around contractors and investigations and the like. On foot, there are investigations of one unauthorised system access and one code of conduct, because a person didn't declare a criminal conviction. Both of those are still ongoing. Also, a contractor was convicted and sentenced in relation timesheet fraud."

It has been brought to my attention that there was an error in the information I was provided and the above underlined part of my response to Senator Ruston's question should have been "... one relating to a recruitment process and a conflict of interest issue." instead.

Apologies for this error.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Wann".

Charles Wann
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