



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2017 – 18 Budget Estimates Hearing,
30 May 2017**

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2017 – 18 Budget Estimates hearing on 30 May 2017. My evidence related to advice the Department had provided to the Australian Government regarding candidate locations for new headspace services.

In answering a question from Senator Deborah O'Neill, 'How many were on that list of possibilities' I said: 'That list went down to about 20 or so in the end...the department ended up with 20' (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, Tuesday 30 May 2017, Proof Copy, page 16).

In reviewing the Department's records in order to respond to related questions taken on notice at the hearing, it has been brought to my attention that the shortlist of headspace locations provided to the Government was for 15 candidate locations.

In addition, although an initial list of candidate locations, based on national modelling, was ranked in order, the final shortlist of candidate locations identified by the Department was not ranked.

Yours sincerely

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