

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 the Inquiry into the Accessibility and Quality of Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Australia

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee during the appearance of Department of Health officials at the Inquiry into the Accessibility and Quality of Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Australia, on Tuesday 16 October 2018.

In answering a question from Senator O'Neill, I said: "We recently announced to the PHNs an additional \$16.1 million from Health and Social Services to support a front-door model for PHNs. We're yet to design what that front door will look like. We're having a workshop with PHNs and members of the sector, consumers and carers on 2 November to start designing what that's going to look like". (Hansard, Tuesday 16 October 2018, Proof Copy, page 4)

The correct amount of funding to PHNs from the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services for a front-door model is \$19.1 million.

Yours sincerely

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