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Community Affairs References Committee
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REF: INQUIRY INTO THE ADEQUACY OF NEWSTART AND RELATED PAYMENTS...

To the Committees Secretary,

We would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide evidence to the 'Inquiry into the adequacy of Newstart and related payments...' 20 November 2019, on behalf of community members accessing our services.

I am writing to correct a point in the transcript. The following sentence from CISVic Executive Officer, Kate Wheller:

Ms Wheller : '... In Victoria we're really fortunate because we've got a very healthy state funded financial counselling program which gives us about 300 EFT above and beyond the Commonwealth funded financial counselling program.'

should be:

Ms Wheller : '...In Victoria we're really fortunate because we've got a very healthy state funded financial counselling program which gives us about 300 Financial Counsellors above and beyond the Commonwealth funded financial counselling program.'

Thank-you for putting this on your website along with the transcript of evidence from myself and Kate Wheller on behalf of CISVic.

Yours Sincerely,

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