

**Senate Community Affairs References Committee**

**Report of the inquiry into out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare**

**Corrigendum**

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Hi Jeanette

I am writing in reference to the subject report .

I note that on page 18 in paragraph 2.67 it states that MTAA “provided details about the significant out-of-pocket costs incurred by individuals who receive surgery that uses non-implantable medical technology”.

This is incorrect as MTAA did not provide such details in either its submission or in my oral testimony. Rather my point was that private patients access to non-implantable medical technology was not being consistently funded by private health insurance funds and that contractual arrangements (HPPAs) between funds and private hospitals prevented patients from electing to pay for the technology.

Because of these current arrangements, private patients out-of-pocket costs in private hospitals are mainly related to clinicians’ fees.

Can you please advise whether the record can be corrected?

I’m happy to discuss this with the report’s authors if it would help.

Regards,

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