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Dear Mr Andrews

I write to alert you and other members of the Joint Standing Committee to an error in testimony given to the Committee at its hearing in Melbourne on Thursday, 7 November.

In the course of her opening statement, Ms Anita Volkert, Occupational Therapy Australia's National Manager, Professional Practice and Development said: "We [Occupational Therapy Australia] represent about 60 per cent of that 21,000". This was an incorrect statement. If one takes into account the more than 8,000 occupational therapy students, the majority of whom are members, the statement is accurate. However, in the context of the Committee's deliberations, reference was being made to occupational therapists eligible to work in the NDIS – i.e. fully qualified and registered clinicians. Of these, OTA represents approximately 35 per cent.

So, Ms Volkert was incorrect and apologises to Committee members for this mistake.

OTA has been advised by the Committee's secretariat that a clarification/correction can be uploaded to the Committee's website alongside the Hansard. For the sake of accuracy, Committee members may wish to authorise such an addition to the record.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for its ongoing engagement with Occupational Therapy Australia.

Yours sincerely

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