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Senator Slade Brockman  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Senator

**Expansion of evidence to 2017-18 Additional Estimates Hearing on 1 March 2018**

I am writing to expand on evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 1.10.

In answering a question from Senator Siewert regarding the cost of the evaluation process that will accompany the proposed Drug Testing Trial, I said, "*The global costing of an amount allocated for that evaluation is around \$670,000.*"

However, further to that comment, I wish to add:

- The evaluation costs comprise of two components over the two-year period of the trial: consultancy costs and contractor costs. The amount set aside for the total cost for the evaluation, excluding GST, is \$979,842.
- The rounded figure of \$670,000 represents the approximate cost of the consultancy, including GST.

Yours sincerely

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