



Australian Government

Department of Health

Deputy Secretary

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Secretary, Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

Correction of evidence to the Additional Estimates 2019-20 Hearing – 4 March 2020.

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the Department of Health Portfolio in the Additional Estimates 2019-20 hearing on 4 March 2020.

In answering a question from Senator Watt, I provided a recollection of the company one of our technical specialists met with. At the time, as is noted in Hansard on Page 83 I said, *'One of our middle managers, one of our technical specialists, had met with, I think, Johnson & Johnson, not with Ellume, as we meet with dozens of companies every month about different products'*.

The name of the company I thought we may have met with was incorrect. The company we met with was GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and I should have said GSK instead of Johnson & Johnson.

I apologise for this error and trust this clarification provides a more accurate record of the consultations we had on this issue. I would be grateful if the Hansard could be updated to reflect this information.

I am happy to speak with any members of the Committee if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Skerritt'.

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