



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health and Aged Care**

**Secretary**

Apolline Kohen  
Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs and Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Senate Estimates Hearing, on 15 February 2024.

I take my responsibility to be accountable to the Senate seriously and wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Aged Care (page 59 of the Proof Hansard refers).

It has been brought to my attention that as noted by my colleague Ms Grinbergs in her previous statement (page 59 of the Proof Hansard also refers), 555,693 doses of the Shingrix vaccine had been administered as at 11 February 2024 (rather than number of individuals who had received a dose or two of the vaccine). As at 11 February 2024, **502,629** individuals have received one or more doses of Shingrix® since the program commenced on 1 November 2023.

In answering a question from Senator Anne Ruston, I said: "555,000 individuals who have received one or more doses" when referring to administered doses of the Shingrix vaccine.

I wish to correct the above statement to read: "As at 11 February 2024, 502,629 individuals have received one or more doses of the Shingrix vaccine since the program commenced on 1 November 2023".

Yours sincerely

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