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Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs and Legislation Committee, Budget Additional Estimates 2023-24, on Thursday, 15 February 2024.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Aged Care (page 125 of the Proof Hansard refers).

In answering a question from Senator Pratt, I said:

Ms Quilty: The taskforce has supported the collaboration on the development of the ninth HIV strategy for 2023 to 2030. The department has worked with stakeholders in targeted consultation, as well as doing some target-setting workshops during *last year*. I understand that the taskforce provided some feedback on the draft strategy directions. The department is working on those diligently. *We hope to have a draft ready for full public consultation shortly.*

Senator PRATT: A draft for full public consultation of what? The implementation plan?

Ms Quilty: Yes. What the government has decided to do is take not only the input of the targeted consultation ahead of the taskforce being stood up but also the feedback of the taskforce and the taskforce's report into the seven key areas for priority action. We're feeding those into the near-final draft of the ninth HIV strategy.

It has been brought to my attention that some of my statements require correction:

- In my answer to Senator Pratt's first question, the target-setting workshops I referred to took place in 2022, not last year (2023), and the Ninth National HIV Strategy draft will go to targeted consultation rather than full public consultation, which will assist with the timely delivery of the Strategy while still gaining relevant insights.
- In response to Senator Pratt's second pair of questions, I would like to clarify that the draft for consultation that I was referring to was the Strategy itself, not an implementation plan.

Yours sincerely

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