



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

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2017 – 18 Additional Estimates Hearings
28 February 2018**

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee in Question on Notice (SQ18-000414) in the 2017–18 Additional Estimates hearings on 28 February 2018.

It has been brought to my notice that the information in the response contained an error about the grants awarded to the University of Sydney that involved the use of non-human primates. The response incorporated the inclusion of a grant awarded to the University of Sydney valued at approximately \$0.9 million that was incorrectly identified as involving the proposed use of macaques.

I wish to correct the record as follows:

- The aggregate value of the grants attributed to the University of Sydney that involved the use of non-human primates was stated as being \$3.2 million. However, the correct value is \$2.2 million.
- The details of species proposed for use in the grants awarded to the University of Sydney listed both baboons and macaques. However, the grants involved the proposed use of baboons only.

The corrections are outlined in the attached document. I would appreciate your consideration of this correction to be reflected in the official record.

Yours sincerely

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Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2017 - 2018, 28 February 2018

Ref No: SQ18-000414

OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Primates

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Lee Rhiannon

Question:

Seeking an update on answers to Budget Estimates June 2015 Ref No.SQ15-000408: How many government grants have been made that involve using primates since 2014?

- a) Who/what body was the grant given to?
- b) What was the dollar value of the grant?
- c) What is the purpose of the research or activity?
- d) What were the species, sex and numbers of primates used for each project?

Answer:

a) and b)

During the period 2014–2017, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) awarded 26 grants to applicants who indicated that the research would involve the use of non-human primates.

Grant recipient	Number of grants	Value of grants	Species
Australian National University	2	\$1.1 million	Macaque
La Trobe University	1	\$0.9 million	Marmoset
Monash University	9	\$6.2 million	Macaque, Marmoset
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	1	\$1.1 million	Macaque
University of Adelaide	1	\$0.8 million	Marmoset
University of Melbourne	8	\$5.7 million	Macaque
University of Queensland	1	\$0.8 million	Night Monkey
University of Sydney	3	\$3.2 million \$2.2 million	Baboon, Macaque

- c) The grants awarded by NHMRC during the period 2014–2017 were for medical research into infectious diseases, sensory systems, nervous system disorders, immunology and vaccine development.
- d) NHMRC no longer collects information on the species, sex and number of non-human primates used in NHMRC-funded projects. NHMRC collects information in grant applications, which includes information about animals requested for use in the project.

The species of non-human primates requested in the successful grant applications at the time of their award is provided in response to question a). NHMRC does not collect data on the sex of non-human primates requested.