



Australian Government
Services Australia

Senator Wendy Askew
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Askew

**Clarification of answer given at 2021-22 Budget Estimates Hearing on
Friday, 3 September 2021**

I write to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of Services Australia relating to Outcome 1.

In answering a question from Senator Green in relation to the number of people who can access their immunisation history statement and certificate (page 63 of the *Hansard* transcript) I said, "If we can back up a little bit: there are 27 million myGov accounts, 11 million or so of which are linked to Medicare. That's the number of people who can access their immunisation history statement and certificate, should they wish to".

I would like to correct the above and confirm the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) currently holds the records of over 27 million individuals. There are over 21 million linked and active myGov accounts, 11 million or so of which are linked to Medicare. The number of myGov accounts and AIR records are different.

Yours sincerely

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