



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health**

Ms Pothida Youhorn  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Youhorn,

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Budget Estimates 2021-22 Health Portfolio hearing on 3 September 2021.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health (page 43 of the Proof Hansard refer).

In answering a question from Senator Green, a departmental officer said: "Some of them came into effect on 1 July and some on 16 July. There were different complexities of drafting associated with the different changes".

It has been brought to my attention that the date was incorrect. The correct answer is "Ms Shakespeare: Some of them came into effect on 1 July and some on 21 July. There were different complexities of drafting associated with the different changes."

Yours sincerely

Mr Travis Haslam  
A/g First Assistant Secretary  
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