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Senator Wendy Askew
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Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Dear Senator Askew

Correction of evidence given at 2021-22 Budget Estimates hearings on 1 April and 7 April 2022

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the National Disability Insurance Agency in relation to Outcome 3 on 1 April 2022 and 7 April 2022.

I refer to the below extract from page 104-105 of the transcript from 1 April 2022 where I provided information relating to the number of NDIS appeals that have been lodged with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

Senator URQUHART: In relation to the AAT cases, can you tell me how many NDIS appeals have been lodged with the AAT in the three months from January to March 2022?

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Mr Hoffman: If I could just add that, in January, there were 233 new matters and, in February, 560.

In reviewing the Hansard, I realise that the answer provided related to the number of matters settled in the month, rather than the number of new applications lodged in the month. The correct answer is that in January 2022 there were 454 new matters and in February, 594.

I would also like to correct the record from Budget Estimates hearing on page 34 of the transcript on 7 April 2022 relating to Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs).

Senator Grogan: In the broader terms are we confident that access to Rapid Antigen Tests is as it should be?

Dr Studdert: Yes, we are. As of the end of March, about 3.2 million tests had been distributed to SIL providers with three or more participants.

Senator Reynolds: It was 3.26 million.

Dr Studdert: Thank you Minister. Another 2.4 million will be distributed between now and the end of June.

I wish to correct Dr Studdert's answer. The correct answer is a further 2.24 million RATs expected to be distributed between now and end of June 2022.

Yours sincerely

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