



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

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

Dear Senator

**Correction to an answer provided at the 2022-23 Budget Estimates Hearing
on 7 April 2022**

I am writing to correct an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 2 Families and Communities.

In answering a question from Senator Dean Smith regarding if the local state and territory based committees meet at the same frequency as the National Coordination Group, I said:

“Yes, they do. In times of flood, they might even meet more than once a week—when there is a local crisis or a particular situation.”

I would like to correct the statement by changing it to:

“The state and territory sub-committees currently meet on a quarterly basis, and meet more frequently as required during times of local crisis or during a particular situation.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Hefren-Webb'.

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27 April 2022