



Senator Marielle Smith
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Correction of evidence/clarification of evidence in the Estimates Official Committee Hansard of
Wednesday, 9 November 2022**

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Committee during its examination of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission) on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.

In response to a question from Senator Reynolds regarding cost verses benefits of being a registered provider, I stated that:

'We did seek information from JAS-ANZ, who auspiced the auditors as part of our arrangements back in 2019-20, about the average cost of audits. My recollection is that that was about \$3,000. We went to JAS-ANZ last month to seek another set of figures so that we can look at what the average cost of an audit is now. We're hearing from the sector that that's gone up. We don't quite have the figures, because the audit process is not something that we administer directly' [page 67].

I wish to correct the above statement with the following evidence noting the NDIS Commission approached providers and approved quality auditors regarding average cost of audits and not JASANZ.

'We did seek information in August 2020 from JAS-ANZ, who auspiced the auditors as part of our arrangements back in 2019-20, about providers who had completed an audit to understand the average cost of audits. My recollection is that that was about \$3,000. We went to JAS-ANZ approved quality auditors last month to seek another set of figures so that we can look at what the average cost of an audit is now. We're hearing from the sector that that's gone up. We don't quite have the figures, because the audit process is not something that we administer directly'.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Mackey
Commissioner

25 November 2022