



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

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

Dear Senator Askew

I am writing to correct an answer provided to the Committee, by the Department of Social Services (the department), as part of the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates process in October 2019. The department provided an incorrect cost in SQ19-000412, a question taken on notice in relation to media monitoring within the department, as outlined below.

***SQ19-000412 – Media Monitoring***

The question asked for two costs

- the total cost of media monitoring services provided in the 2018-19 financial year, and
- the total cost of media monitoring services provided for the 2019-20 financial year to 31 October 2019.

In relation to the second cost, the answer provided by the department of \$493,000 (GST exclusive) was incorrect. The correct figure is \$134,143 (GST exclusive).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AHudson', written over a circular blue scribble.

Adrian Hudson

30 April 2020