



Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Secretary, Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe,

### Correction of evidence to 2019 Estimates Hearing — 23 October 2019

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Portfolio Agencies in the Estimates hearing on 23 October 2019.

In answering a question from Senator Roberts, I responded with the incorrect statistics on the percentage of pharmacists upload information into the My Health Record system. This statement is in Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, 23 October 2019, Proof Copy, page 60, as below:

**Mr Kelsey:** Currently almost all public hospital services are connected to My Health Record and where discharge summaries are being created those are being uploaded where a person doesn't withdraw their consent. We have now got to a point where well over 80 per cent of community pharmacies for the first time in Australia are uploading dispense medicine information from the My Health Record.

I would like to advise that my statements were erroneous; 90% of Community Pharmacies are registered to access My Health Record with 65% connected to the system. I would like to correct the second sentence from the above paragraphs to read as follows:

- We have now got to a point where well over 80 per cent of community pharmacies for the first time in Australia are ~~uploading dispense medicine information from~~ **registered to use** the My Health Record.

I apologise for this inadvertent error and trust this clarification provides a more correct picture of this issue. I would be happy to speak with any members of the Committee if they would like further clarification.

All the best,

Tim Kelsey  
Chief Executive

27 November 2019