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Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee Public Estimates hearing on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

I wish to amend evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Aged Care to ensure all aspects of the question were answered. The following page of the Proof Hansard refer.

- **Page 82** - In answering a question from Senator Steele-John, I said: “The annual payment has had a payment of \$3.7 million of that allocation. The lump sum has had an allocation of \$4 million. There has been \$10.4 million allocated to the extraordinary assistance fund. The health care assistance fund was allocated \$3.2 million. The thalidomide support system was allocated \$1.6 million. There has been \$600,000 spent on the national site of recognition.”

Senator Steel-John asked how much had been allocated and distributed of the \$44.88 million allocated, however I only provided allocation figures. The following response has been amended to also provide distribution figures (of the \$44.88 million).

“For the annual payment \$8.7 million has been distributed of that allocation. For the lump sum \$26 million has been distributed. There has been \$0.47 million distributed for to the extraordinary assistance fund. The health care assistance fund has had \$0.61 million distributed. For the thalidomide support service \$1.02 million was distributed. There has been \$1.093 million spent on the national site of recognition.

Yours sincerely

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