



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

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

Dear Senator

**Correction of clarification of evidence in the Estimates Official Committee
Hansard of 25 October 2023**

I am writing to correct evidence/clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Social Services Portfolio in relation to Outcome 2.

In answering a question from Senator Rice regarding additional funding which has been allocated based on the advice of the National Coordination Group, I said:

“So far in this financial year \$18 million has been deployed based on the advice of the National Coordination Group.”

However, the time period above is incorrect and should be the following:

“Since 2022-23, \$18 million has been deployed based on the advice of the National Coordination Group.”

Yours sincerely

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