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Dear Dr Thomson

Additional Estimates Hearing 22 February 2019

I refer to evidence I gave at the above hearing in respect of community service flights: On further review of the Estimates Hansard I have discovered I have made a factual error in my evidence.

On page 88 I stated:

ACTING CHAIR: *If you have to do a leg to get to a pick-up point and then a leg to a destination and then a leg home, are all three legs considered community service?*

Mr Carmody: *I would have to ask my colleagues; I'm not a pilot.*

Mr Monahan: *If you're going to be reimbursed by the CSF then, in that case, yes.*

The statement that all three legs of a flight would be a community service flight is not correct. Only the leg(s) of the flight carrying the patient are considered community service flights and thus subject to the conditions in the CASA Instrument 09/19. For example, positioning flights to pick up a community service flight patient are not considered to be community service flights.

The correct advice is included in the CASA Instrument and in the advice on community service flights appearing on CASA's website. The error was on my part.

I wish to apologise to the Committee, both for this belated response and for any confusion my error may have caused.

Yours sincerely

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