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Department of Health

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Dear Mr Nelson

Request for amendment to evidence provided at the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health's inquiry into skin cancer in Australia Public Hearing, 28 March 2014

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the inquiry into skin cancer in Australia Public Hearing of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health's on 28 March 2014.

The statement made was as follows:

"If I may, the melanoma data goes through the state- and territory-based cancer registry, so those questions, in fact, were actually dealt with before. There will be a report as soon as all of the data comes in. But the non-melanoma skin cancer survey is the survey that Ms Creelman referred to. We will get that data."

It has been brought to my notice that my response was not factually correct. The skin cancer survey that Ms Creelman referred to only seeks information on behavioural attitudes and does not collect data on skin cancers.

Yours sincerely

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