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Dear Committee Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING OF 5 MAY 2011 – CORRECTION TO RESPONSE

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided in response to a question from Senator Fierravanti-Wells during the appearance of Medicare Australia at the Senate Committee hearing into the administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (APRHA) on 5 May 2011

On page 28 of the draft F&PA Hansard, Senator Fierravanti-Wells asks:

Senator Fierravanti-Wells: ‘So we are talking the year to date, 10,385 deregistrations?’

Ms Golightly: ‘That is correct.’

Senator Fierravanti-Wells: ‘And they have come straight from AHPRA?’

Ms Golightly: ‘They are the ones we get from AHPRA, yes.’

My response to the Senator’s question should have been: They are the ones we get from AHPRA and those professionals that are still state and territory based. At the start of my evidence, I did reference Medicare Australia’s response to a question from Senator Fierravanti-Wells (HS25 – deregistration of doctors), taken on notice at the Additional Estimates hearing on 24 February 2011. The response to HS25 states that the figures for financial 2010-2011 are for AHPRA and those professionals that are still state and territory based.

It would be appreciated if you could bring this additional information to the attention of the Committee.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6124 7601.

Yours sincerely

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