

5 February 2015

Senator Richard Di Natale
Chair, Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Budget Cuts

Dear Senator Di Natale

I refer to the information presented to the Senate Select Committee regarding Reclink's funding period and write to regrettably inform the Committee that I have made an error in fact regarding the period of funding.

Reclink Australia received a five year funding agreement commencing in the 08/09 financial year, with a further one year extension in the 13/14 financial year, totalling 6 consecutive years of funding from the Federal Government for the Reclink National Program.

This error has only recently been identified when I reviewed the complete file of correspondence in hard copy form between Reclink and the Federal Government regarding the Reclink National Program.

Reclink had updated the organisation's IT and data system several years previously and it would appear the earlier correspondence from the Federal Government was not listed on our current Data system.

While this error has been rectified within Reclink, I am concerned that I have inadvertently provided the Senate Select Committee with information which understates the period of funding provided by the Federal Government.

I wish to express my sincere apology to the Senate Select Committee for providing an error in fact which has only recently been identified.

Please call me if you require additional information.

Kind regards,

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