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Dear Senator Gallagher

The Department of Health (the Department) would like to correct the evidence provided to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 during its examination of the Department at the 28 January 2021 public hearing as recorded in the Proof Committee Hansard page 28:

*Senator PATRICK: Thank you very much. In relation to the contracts with CSL, I understand there's about \$1.7 billion worth of contracts. Is that about right? Is it roughly in that order?*

*Dr Murphy: I think that's right.*

*CHAIR: Total.*

*Ms Edwards: Yes, \$1.7 billion to provide 84.8 million doses.*

The Department wishes to clarify the figure of \$1.7 billion relates to agreements with both the University of Queensland/CSL and AstraZeneca/Oxford to provide 84.8 million doses.

Yours sincerely

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