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Dear Senator Gallagher,

I wish to make a clarification on my opening statement delivered at the 26 May 2020 hearing of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19. This statement was also tabled and is currently available on the Australian Parliament House website.

In paragraph 11 of the statement, in reference to funding for mental health, I stated *'since 30 January 2020, the Australian Government has invested approximately \$500 million preventative mental health and suicide prevention'*. I wish to clarify there were some investments prior to 30 January, my statement should have been *'since January 2020, the Australian Government has invested approximately \$500 million preventative mental health and suicide prevention.'*

Yours sincerely

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