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Dear Mr *Stephen* Palethorpe

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Hansard transcript of evidence for the Select Committee's hearing into *Health* which was held in Canberra on Wednesday 26 August 2015.

I have separately submitted minor changes to the Hansard that fall into the definition of 'corrections to the transcript'. However, on reading the transcript I have identified one of my responses to a question (on page 62) in relation to PHaMs client access to NDIS trial sites in Barwon and the Hunter, which needs clarification.

In response to a question from Senator McLucas, I advised as part of my answer "it may be a little more reassuring to know that in Barwon and the Hunter of those PHaMs clients who are currently eligible, it has been assessed that 80 per cent of them are eligible for NDIS."

Senator McLucas asked "So 80 per cent are eligible from the PHaMs client group" to which I responded "yes".

The clarification I am making is that it is "80 per cent of PHaMs **clients who have applied** to access the NDIS are being assessed as eligible". Not all PHaMs clients have made an NDIS access request.

Dr Nick Hartland also clarified what our reference to 80 per cent means on page 65 of the transcript.

I would be grateful if you could convey this clarification to Senator McLucas and the Chair of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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