



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Senator Claire Moore  
Chair  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Clarification of evidence: Additional Estimates Hearing: 14 February 2013**

I am writing to clarify the details of some evidence I submitted to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Outcome (Outcome 3.1) on 14 February 2013 (page 41).

In response to questioning delivered by Senator Cash regarding a multilateral conversation facilitated by the Department with states and territories on the national gambling reform laws, I informed the Senator that New South Wales was the only state government that did not attend. This is not entirely correct.

The multilateral meeting was held with state and territory government officials on 21 November 2012. Invitations to attend the multilateral meeting were extended to all jurisdictions however the New South Wales Government declined. In addition, the Northern Territory Government accepted the invitation, but did not participate.

These details are reflected in the Department's response to a Question on Notice the Department received from the Committee. Please refer to our response to Question on Notice number 102.

Please accept that it was not my intention to mislead the Committee and the error was made inadvertently.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leesa Croke'.

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