



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health**

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2016 – 17 Additional Estimates Hearing,  
1 March 2017**

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2016 – 17 Additional Estimates hearing on 1 March 2017.

In answering questions from Senator Watt and Senator Singh in relation to the independent evaluation of the commercial environment for diagnostic imaging practices undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics (Deloitte), I said: ‘...So, there is not an interim report as such...’, ‘There is just the final of the report.’, and ‘No, not at this stage.’ (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, Wednesday 1 March 2017, Proof Copy, page 21).

It has been brought to my notice that, in accordance with the Official Order with Deloitte, draft and progress reports have been received. In light of the subsequent information provided to me, the correct answer was “Yes, draft and progress reports, which identified possible options for consideration, have been received and a progress report was provided to Government”. I apologise for the error.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maria Jolly'.

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