



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

Dr Ian Holland  
Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Budget Estimates Hearing,  
Wednesday 5 June 2013 : Outcome 12**

I am writing to correct two statements that I made at the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday 5 June 2013.

Statement 1

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question (Hansard Page 122 refers):  
“How much in locum payment goes directly to the nurse or allied health professional?”

My response was as follows: “I would have to check; I believe it is paid to the employer”

It has been brought to my notice that the response should now be amended as follows:  
“The Locum receives a work incentive payment of \$200 per day per placement and a meal allowance of \$100 per day away from home.”

Statement 2

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question (Hansard Page 123 refers):  
“So it is paid to the employer and then they pay it off?”

My response was as follows: ‘Yes’

It has been brought to my notice that the response should now be amended as follows: “No, the payment goes directly to the nurse or allied health professional locum.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gay Santiago'.

Gay Santiago  
Assistant Secretary  
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14 June 2013