



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 a statement that I made at the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday 5 June 2013.

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question (Hansard Page 125 refers): "They pay the wages of the nurse - is that how it works?"

My response was as follows: "They organise travel and pay for that directly. There are some allowances that go to the locum who is filling the locum position - for example, meal allowances - and the funding salary component will go to the employer."

It has been brought to my notice that the response should now be amended as follows: "Yes, they also organise travel and pay for that directly. There are also some allowances that go to the locum who is filling the locum position - for example, meal and work incentive allowances."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P Shakespeare'.

Penny Shakespeare
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