



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senator Zed Seselja
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Corrections and amendments of answers to 2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing
3-5 June 2015.**

I am writing to amend a number of answers provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 2 on 4 June 2015.

The requested changes are listed below. I have also provided a separate table as an attachment indicating all changes in detail.

With regards to a question from Senator Reynolds about Paid Parental Leave, (CA13 - 4 June 2015) a correction is required to confirm the work participation requirement for PPL as being at least one day a week for 10 months out of the preceding thirteen months.

In response to a question from Senator Moore, (CA68 – 4 June 2015) Ms Bennett said that the Royal Commission Community Based Support Services (RCCBSS) 'have got two years until June 2017'. The response should have been until June 2018.

In response to a question from Senator Moore (CA68 – 4 June 2015), Ms Creech agreed that RCCBSS were part of the 'two-year bunch'. A correction is required to confirm that the RCCBSS was not part of the cohort of providers who received two-year grant agreements under the DSS 2014 New Way of Working grants.

In response to a question from Senator Moore (CA68 – 4 June 2015), Mr Brown said that the successful tenderers for the forced adoption support services (FASS) were Relationships Australia and Link Up. A correction is required to confirm that the successful tenderers were Relationships Australia and Jigsaw Queensland.

In response to a question from Senator Moore, (CA68 – 4 June 2015) Ms Creech agreed that because funding was allocated at around the same time for the RCCBSS and the FASS, the activity term would be the same. A correction is required to confirm that funding for the RCCBSS and the FASS was not allocated at the same time and the activities did not commence at the same time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Bennett".

Barbara Bennett
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