



Australian Government

Department of Social Services

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

Dear Senator

Correction of evidence to 2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing on 3-5 June 2015.

I am writing to correct evidence/clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 3.

In answering a question from Senator Polley regarding the allocation of funding for the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund (to be renamed the Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund) across the forward estimates, I had the following exchange with the Senator:

***Ms O'Neill:** Post budget the allocation for the Dementia and Aged Care Services fund is \$79.7 million in 2015-16. In 2016-17 it is \$89.7 million and in 2017-18 it is \$73.8 million. In addition, there are the Severe Behaviour Response Teams that come under the same programme and they are \$54.5 million over those years.*

***Senator Polley:** Sorry? There is \$54.5 million over that same period?*

***Ms O'Neill:** Yes.*

However, the dollar amounts were incorrect as they included funding for carers activities which are transferring to Outcome 5 from 1 July 2015, and did not include the fourth year allocation. I should have said:

***Ms O'Neill:** Post budget the allocation for the Dementia and Aged Care Services fund is \$78.6 million in 2015-16. In 2016-17 it is \$88.7 million, in 2017-18 it is \$72 million, and in 2018-19 it is \$72 million. In addition, there are the Severe Behaviour Response Teams that come under the same programme and they are \$54.5 million over those years.*

Yours sincerely



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