



**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 Supplementary Budget Estimates  
Hearing,  
Wednesday 17 October 2012: Outcome 2**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday 17 October 2012.

Senator Di Natale asked the following question:

“What was the value of that (Fingolimod)?”


My response was as follows:

“About \$66 million over four years”.

It has been brought to my notice that this figure is incorrect. The response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“As reported in the Department of Health and Ageing’s Annual Report 2011-2012 (page 99) the estimated cost of listing Fingolimod on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is \$184.8 million over five years”.

Yours sincerely



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