



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 Senate Estimates Community Affairs
Legislation Committee Hearing, 17 October 2012, Outcome 1**

I am writing to correct two statements that I made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 17 October 2012.

Senator Waters asked the following question (page 54 of proof copy):

“Could you on notice provide me with a few more details about the staffing that you have been able to recruit.”

My response was as follows:

“In our business plan for this year we have budgeted for an additional seven positions for that task and an additional three positions for the IMAP process”

It has been brought to my notice that I inadvertently transposed the figures in my response and that the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“In our business plan for this year we have budgeted for an additional three positions for that task and an additional seven positions for the IMAP process”

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question (page 55 of proof copy):

“Has there been any variation to staff numbers?”

My response was as follows:

“...As I answered in Senator Waters’ question, seven of those are being engaged to work on the hydraulic fracturing work and three on the IMAP project.”

It has been brought to my notice that I inadvertently transposed the figures in my response and that the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“...As I answered in Senator Waters’ question, three of those are being engaged to work on the hydraulic fracturing work and seven on the IMAP project.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Dr Brian Richards
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25 October 2012