



Australian Government
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman

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 Hearing,
17th October, 2012, Outcome 9, Private Health**

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

Senator **FIERRAVANTI-WELLS** asked the following question:

“Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Thank you very much. I might ask the same questions in relation to the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman.

Ms Gavel: First of all, you want to know the 2010-11 expenses?

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Yes.

Ms Gavel: They were \$2,324,866 and for 2011-12 they were \$2,443,403.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: And in relation to 2012-13?

My response was as follows:

“Ms Gavel: Budgeted \$2,451,497. Do you want what starts down?”

On reviewing the response, it appears that it would make more sense if amended as follows: (changes are underlined):

“Do you want the figure for the unspent portion of the budget?”

I would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Gavel
Ombudsman

Monday, 29 October 2012