



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Community Affairs Legislation
Committee Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing,
22 October 2014: Outcome 7**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 22 October 2014.

Senator Peris asked the following question:

“You are saying that you had \$46 million on the table for milestones being achieved between 2014 and 2015. Given that we have also seen press releases that the construction of the hospital is now not actually due to start until 2016, how much money do you now anticipate will be provided of the \$46 million this financial year?”

My response was as follows:

“In terms of the funding agreement that we have negotiated with the Northern Territory government it remains the case that there is \$46 million available to them in 2014-15 subject to achievement of milestones...”

It has been brought to my notice that I quoted an incorrect figure. In light of subsequent review, the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“In terms of the funding agreement that we have negotiated with the Northern Territory government it remains the case that there is \$55 million available to them in 2014-15 subject to achievement of milestones...”

Yours sincerely

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