



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 Supplementary Budget Estimates
Hearing, 22 October 2014
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, 22 October 2014.

Senator Reynolds asked the following question:

“Are you able to take us through a comparison of the patient contribution versus the Commonwealth contribution for a few commonly used drugs – for example, something for insulin”?

My response was as follows:

“At the moment, a general patient pays \$37.70 for that and the government pays \$390.36. Alternatively, the concession payment payer currently pays \$6.10 and the government picks up \$426.16 of that cost”.

The response should be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“In 2015, a general patient would pay \$37.70 for that and the government pays \$390.36. Alternatively, the concession payment payer would pay \$6.10 and the government picks up \$426.16 of that cost”.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felicity McNeill'.

Felicity McNeill
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30 October 2014