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**From:** Michelle Swallow (Mental Health Council of Tasmania) [eo@mhct.org]  
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Hello

I am writing as follow up to the proof copy of the *Hansard* transcript of the evidence which I gave to the Committee on 31 March 2008. I was also asked to follow up on a couple of matters and that information follows.

- There is a typographical error on CA 8 – half way down the page '*Ms Swallow – I cannot answer that in any way, except perhaps to comment that FaHCSIA has a contract with VICSERVE – and they have now subcontracted to the **Medical Council of Tasmania** – should say **Mental Health Council of Tasmania**.*
- I was asked how many psychologists are in Tasmania – there are 455 registered psychologists, with approximately 400 currently practicing.
- The quote 'frittering away of funds' which I was also asked to follow up, is in reference to a quote from a carer who was concerned at the time they were surveyed, at the money funded to and used by Carer Respite for promotion, workshops, etc, and not directing assisting this carer. The Mental Health Council of Tasmania (MHCT) has at times received comments such as this, which is seen as a perception of carers that money does not assist them in their caring role, but supports organisations.
- The Committee also asked if the MHCT was a member of the CoAG working group, and if there was consumer representation – the answer is yes to both.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the numbers below.

Regards

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