



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

Senator Jonathon Duniam  
Chair  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Clarification of an answer to 2016-17 Additional Estimates Hearing on  
2 March 2017.**

I am writing to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 2.

In answering a question from Senator Pratt regarding 1800RESPECT, I said:

*Trauma-specialist counsellors cost \$245,000 each to train, and that is absolutely value for money for a trauma specialist counsellor.*

However, the \$245,000 refers to the amount provided to Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia for the employment of each specialist trauma counsellor per year.

Yours sincerely

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