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Department of Health and Ageing

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Dear Dr Holland

Request for amendment to a response to Written Question on Notice E12-306 following the Budget Estimates hearing in May 2012

I write to request a revision to a response provided to Written Question on Notice E12-306 from Senator Fierravanti-Wells, following the Budget Estimates hearing in May 2012.

At the time of drafting, the Department believed the response to this question was correct. Since then, the Department has identified that the classification of some residents was incorrect due to an administrative issue that has now been corrected. This affects some residents who were reclassified between 1 July and 30 November 2012.

We propose that the record be corrected by deleting the following sentence:

"A resident admitted to residential aged care on 2 July 2012 will be assessed against the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) scores amended on 1 July 2012."

And replacing it with

"The classification of a resident admitted to residential care on 2 July 2012 will be determined by the Secretary, based on the revised scores provided to the sector on 21 June 2012."

I trust this advice will serve as our official correction of the record of this hearing.

Yours sincerely

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