



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Dr Ian Holland
Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Budget Estimates Hearing,
on 31 May 2012: Outcome 7**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Budget Estimates of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 31 May 2012.

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question:

“Could you just give me an update on that? In particular, I think they were doing some work on young people and music and hearing.”

My response was as follows:

“The projects - yes; I think the two that stand out are the two that have been done by the National Acoustics Laboratory and they are now completed. The *Binge listening* report – is that something that rings a bell with you on young people and music?”

Senator Fierravanti-Wells then asked:

“Oh, did they do it?”

My response was as follows:

“Yes, but as part of the Hearing Loss Prevention Program. In fact, that was actually funded prior to going to the NHMRC.”

The response was accurate based on the information available at that time. It has been brought to my notice that my response is not entirely correct and requires clarification. The response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“Yes, the two projects were part of the Hearing Loss Prevention Program and made up a significant part of the *Binge Listening Report*. In fact, those two projects were actually funded prior to going to the NHMRC.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Clune', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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