



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senator Zed Seselja
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Correction of evidence – 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing,
21-22 October 2015.**

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Security in relation to Outcome 1.

In answering a question from Senator Moore (page 38 of the Hansard, 22 October 2015) regarding how many briefings have been provided to the cross bench on these issues, Mr Pratt said:

“None”

However, there was one meeting between Ms Halbert and Senator Glenn Lazarus. Following this, Ms Halbert briefed his office about the package.

In answering a question from the Acting Chair (page 45 of the Hansard, 22 October 2015) regarding what kind of waiting period for income support they use in New Zealand, I said:

“20 days”

However I should have said “20 working days”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cath Halbert'.

Cath Halbert
Group Manager
Payments Policy Group

30 November 2015