



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

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Secretary

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

Dear Senator

**Clarification of evidence at the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing
on 20 October 2016.**

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 3.

In answering a question from Senator Siewert regarding privacy breaches relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) *myplace* portal (Page 69), I said that I was not aware of any privacy breaches.

Senator SIEWERT: On notice, could you tell me, during the whole process in fixing it, whether there were any privacy breaches, how many and in which areas that occurred?

Mr Pratt: I will correct this on record, but I am not aware of any privacy breaches during the process.

My advice about not being aware of any privacy breaches during the process was in relation to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board appointments, which was the line of questioning to the Department from Senator Carol Brown (Page 68) prior to the question from Senator Siewert.

The number of privacy breaches in relation to the NDIS *myplace* portal is currently being investigated by the NDIA and the Department of Human Services and a response to this question will be provided to Senator Siewert and the Committee as part of the Portfolio's Questions on Notice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Finn Pratt'.

Finn Pratt

14 November 2016