



Australian Government
Department of Health

Ms Lyn Beverley
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Budget Estimates Hearing,
Friday 30 May 2014 : Outcome 5 – Primary Health Care**

I am writing to correct a statement that the then First Assistant Secretary, Indigenous and Rural Health Division, Ms Palmer, made at the Budget Estimates Cross-Portfolio Indigenous Matters of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee on Friday 30 May 2014.

Senator McLucas asked the following question in relation to Tackling Indigenous Smoking teams:

“Rather than going ‘20 per cent’, what is the number of positions that are not filled?”

Ms Palmer’s response was as follows:

“It always goes up and down. Let me see what I have here – 210 people are currently recruited as at the time we were able to connect- that was about early May – and the FTE was 173. So you have some part-time people in those teams”

The response should be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“It always goes up and down. Let me see what I have here – 302 people are currently recruited as at the time we were able to connect- that was about early May – and the FTE was 284.40. So you have some part-time people in those teams”

Yours sincerely

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