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#### **CORRECTION TO EVIDENCE**

#### **Supplementary Budget Estimates 18 - 22 November 2013**

I wish to advise the following corrections to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Additional Estimates hearing on 18 and 22 November 2013 concerning the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

1. On page 84 of the Proof Hansard for Monday 18 November 2013, Ms Cross is quoted as follows:

**Ms Cross:** I think one of the most important parts of mental health is that it is not just the Commonwealth government; it is an issue for Commonwealth and state governments. So, as necessary, the Mental Health Commission will continue to report to COAG. COAG, as you know, is managed by PM&C, so we will still have a role through COAG in seeing what is happening in mental health, and they put out an annual report card to COAG.....

Ms Cross wishes to correct this statement with the following statement:

The National Mental Health Commission does not report to COAG. It reports to the Commonwealth Government, through the Minister for Health. The first annual report card was a report to the Prime Minister, in accordance with the Prime Minister's statement of expectations for the Commission. COAG agreed to develop a response to the Commission's report card at its December 2012 meeting. This was agreed to for the first report, in the context of COAG's release of the COAG Roadmap on mental health.

2. On page 7 of the Proof Hansard for Friday 22 November 2013, Ms Kelly is quoted as follows:

**Ms Kelly:** In negotiating the machinery-of-government change, there was an assessment done of the proportion of the grad program operated by the former FaHCSIA, now DSS, that related to the Indigenous affairs part of the department, and we have taken those grads into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. So I believe we have 45 grads, all up.

Ms Kelly wishes to correct this statement with the following statement:

For the 2013 year, PM&C has a total of 40 graduates. Thirteen of these graduates have transferred to PM&C from DSS to work on Indigenous Affairs.

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