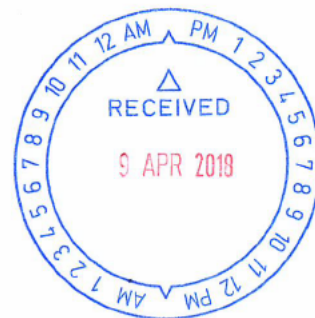




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**Department of Health**



Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
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Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2017 – 18 Additional Estimates Hearing,  
28 February 2018**

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2017 – 18 Additional Estimates hearing on 28 February 2018.

In answering a question from Senator Di Natale, I said: "...You would be aware that letters also go from the Department of Human Services to providers." (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Additional Estimates, 28 February 2018, Proof Copy, page 70).

It has been brought to my notice that that the Department of Human Services has not provided such notification to service providers in recent years.

Further, in answering another question from Senator Di Natale I said that the National Partnership Agreement on Public Dental Services for Adults (the NPA) covered the period: "From 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019." (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Additional Estimates, 28 February 2018, Proof Copy, page 72).

It has been brought to my notice that I inadvertently misstated the period the NPA covered. In fact, the NPA commenced on 1 January 2017 and will conclude at 30 June 2019.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary

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