

Senator Wendy Askew
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Askew

Correction of evidence given at 2020-21 Additional Estimates hearing on 25 March 2021

I am writing to correct evidence provided to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the National Disability Insurance Agency in relation to Outcome 3.

I refer to the below extract from page 79 of the transcript which I would like to correct:

Mr Hoffman: The closing date of the consultation was 22 February in terms of the closing for written submissions back to the policy papers that we had released at the end of last year.

I wish to advise that the closing date of the three consultation papers explaining proposed changes to the NDIS was 23 February 2021.

I refer to the below extract relating to the independent assessment panel evaluation process detailed on pages 80, 85 and 87 of the transcript which I would like to correct:

Mr Hoffman: ... The tender process was a full open tender. We had independent probity advisers from Maddocks as the probity adviser and Clayton Utz as the lawyer.....

Mr Hoffman: Coming to the matter there, as I went through with Senator Green, there was an open transparent tender. There was an independent probity adviser for that process in Maddocks. There was the careful separation of information and people involved...

Mr Hoffman: ... There was then review by the board ultimately of information about each tenderer or each successful tenderer in terms of reputation, litigation matters and so on. So there was, as the secretary was alluding to, a clear process here overseen by Maddocks, an independent probity adviser, to come to these decisions.

I wish to advise that the probity adviser was Clayton Utz and the law firm that assisted with the contracts was Maddocks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hoffman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Hoffman
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