



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senator Lucy Gichuhi
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Gichuhi

**Clarification of answer given at 2019-20 Budget Estimates Hearing on
5 April 2019.**

I am writing to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services relating to Outcome 3.

In answering a question in relation to the disability royal commission from Senator Watt on whether the Department had done any work on draft terms of reference, or a consultation plan, or costings before [19 February 2019] (**page 90** of the transcript) I said; "No".

While no work on consultation or costings was undertaken prior to that date, after examination of our records, I can advise that the Department commenced work on a draft terms of reference around 15 February 2019 to position the Department to provide advice if required.

Yours sincerely

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