



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Pothida Youhorn
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Youhorn,

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Budget Estimates 2021-22 Health Portfolio hearing on 2 June 2021.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health (page 115 of the Proof Hansard refer).

In answering a question from Senator Polley, a departmental officer said: "I can give you a range for other states. The out-of-pocket costs for GP services range from \$35.63, at the lower end, to \$56.09, at the upper end".

The response was accurate based on the information available at that time. However, it has been brought to my attention that the figures were incorrect. The correct answer is "Ms Lucchese: I can give you a range for other states. The out-of-pocket costs for GP services range from \$35.12, at the lower end, to \$47.52, at the upper end."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Keaney', written in a cursive style.

Dr Megan Keaney
A/g First Assistant Secretary
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16 July 2021