



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

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

Dear Senator

**Correction to an answer provided at the 2018-19 Supplementary Budget  
Estimates Hearing on 25 October 2018**

I am writing to correct an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers.

In answering a question from Senator Carol Brown regarding the number of carers who received care packages under the Carer Directed Respite Care program, I provided the number of 482 carers in 2017-18 (Commonwealth of Australia, Proof Committee Hansard, Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, 25 October 2018, Page 92).

Unfortunately, this number of carers is for a different financial year. The figure 482 is the number of carers who received a care package in the 2014-15 financial year. The number of carers who received a care package in the 2017-18 financial year is 661.

Question on Notice number SQ18-000601, that will be tabled with the Committee shortly, provides the number of carers who have received a care package under the Consumer Directed Respite Care program for financial years 2014-15 to 2017-18.

Yours sincerely

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