

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
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Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing to clarify a statement provided at the Senate Estimates Hearing of 24 October 2019.

During the hearing I was asked by Senator Murray Watt:

Did Dr Nugent have any input into the decision to award \$25 million in consultancies to McKinsey?

I answered at the time, and to the best of my knowledge, that Dr Helen Nugent, Chairman of the NDIA Board, did not have any involvement in the decision to award any contracts to McKinsey Pacific Rim.

I have subsequently become aware of documentation, provided to the Committee via Questions on Notice (QON220 for the Estimates Hearing of 24 October 2019), which notes that Dr Nugent had been involved with respect three contracts.

These contracts were:

- Expert Advice and Analysis for Productivity Commission Issues Paper.
- Development of the Agency's Corporate Plan and Enterprise Plan.
- Independent Pricing Review.

Given the particular subject matter of the projects, the NDIA considers it appropriate and reasonable that the Chairman be engaged in the appointment of a suitable consultant.

I am seeking to amend my response to the Committee on this matter, and wish to apologise for the inadvertent error.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Rundle', is located below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

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