



Australian Government

**Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing**

Committee Secretary
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs References Committee hearings of Friday 29 August 2025 in relation to the committee's inquiry into Aged Care Service Delivery.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (page 80 of the Proof Hansard refers).

In answering a question from Senator Pocock, I said, with respect to the number of persons awaiting an aged care needs assessment as at 31 July 2025, *"the assessment had not yet been completed in the form of a support plan review decision"*. I would like to correct the above statement to *"the assessment had not yet been completed in the form of a support plan decision"*.

Yours sincerely

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