



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Aged Care Bill 2024 Hearing, on 3 October 2024.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health and Aged Care (page 37 of the Proof Hansard refers).

In answering a question from Senator David Pocock, I said: The aged waitlist—people who have been waiting longer than 75 days in the ACT for an assessment—has halved over the past few months. Previously, it was over 750, and now it's sitting at around 380.

The response was accurate based on the information available to me at the time. However, it has been brought to my attention that this number should be corrected to “Previously, it was *up to 700*, and now it's sitting at around *470*.”

The Department identified an issue with our data, which stemmed from the introduction of the new aged care assessment triage function. This issue has now been rectified but resulted in incorrect data being presented on 3 October 2024.

Yours sincerely

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