



13 August 2025

Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House,  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to proceedings of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 8 August 2025.

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Committee during the COTA Australia appearance (page 6 of the Proof Committee Hansard refer). In answering a question from Senator Ananda-Rajah about end of life care, I highlighted that the new Support at Home Program included End of Life packages "But it also introduces a specific palliative-care support piece for the last three months of life, which can be extended by three months".

The End of Life packages are provided for a period of 12 weeks, with the option to extend for an additional 4 weeks.

We apologise for the error and appreciate the opportunity to ensure the Committee has the correct information.

Yours sincerely





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CEO