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House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport  
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Dear Chair,

**Re: Correction to evidence given at hearing on 16 February 2024**

I would like to correct evidence I gave to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Diabetes on Friday 16 February 2024. After the hearing I realised that I had made some factual errors in my evidence. Corrections are in bold as follows:

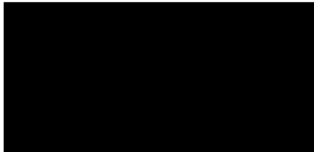
1. Regarding podiatrist job vacancies, I incorrectly stated that “there are nearly a thousand vacancies at the moment” (pg 41, Hansard). This should have read “there are **over 500 vacancies** at the moment” (Seek.com search conducted on 9 February, 2024).
2. I incorrectly recounted a key study. “The statistics regarding 38 times is for the Northern Territory. That data came out of the Northern Territory. I can give you the reference, but I can’t tell you the year range of that. That was repeat data, and it had gone from a rate of mid-twenties to 38 times. It had increased when they reran the data over a five-year span” (page 39 Hansard).

Norman et.al publication **details a state-wide hospital discharge audit analysing trends in amputation rates among Indigenous people from Western Australia between 2000-2008**. Data analysed was not from the Northern Territory, nor was it repeat data. *Norman PE, Schoen DE, Gurr JM, Kolybaba ML. High rates of amputation among indigenous people in Western Australia. Med J Aust. 2010;192(7):421.*

I apologise to the Committee for the above errors.

Further, linked for reference are the [2021 Evidence-based Australian guidelines for diabetes-related foot disease](#) and the [International Working Group of the Diabetic Foot \(IWGDF\) guidelines](#) that were referred to several times during my evidence

Sincerely



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