



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to the Inquiry into the Accessibility and Quality of Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Australia, 16 October 2018**

I am writing to clarify evidence provided to the Committee during the appearance of Department of Health officials at the Inquiry into the Accessibility and Quality of Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Australia on 16 October 2018.

In answering a question from Senator Rachel Siewert, about the \$51.8 million of funding announced for headspace on 14 October 2018, I said: "*It is new funding.*" (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee, 16 October 2018, Proof Copy, page 10.)

More correctly, of the total \$51.8 million funding being discussed, \$39 million is additional funding to be appropriated to Program 2.1 – Mental Health. The remaining \$12.8 million was already contained within the forward estimates of Program 2.1 – Mental Health.

Yours sincerely

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