

17 September 2018

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Committee Secretary  
Australian Senate Community Affairs References Committee  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Radcliffe.

I refer to evidence I provided to the Australian Senate Community Affairs References Committee Inquiry into the My Health Record system on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

During the hearing Senator Watt asked me a question regarding payments from the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) to the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA). I wish to make a correction to my response, based on information which has subsequently become available to me.

In addition to ADHA's associate membership of AHHA and a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health in 2015-16 through a competitive tender process, AHHA has received the following payments from ADHA:

- \$9,318.18 (exclusive of GST) for sponsorship of one edition of the AHHA member magazine, The Health Advocate, that was issued in June 2018. AHHA maintained full editorial control for the edition, which included an article authored by and attributed to the ADHA. This edition of The Health Advocate can be viewed at <https://ahha.asn.au/publication/health-advocate/health-advocate-june-2018>.
- \$5,909.09 (exclusive of GST) for the purchase of an exhibition booth at a trade fair conducted as part of the 2018 World Hospital Congress. Details for this event can be viewed at <http://event.icebergevents.com.au/whc2018>.

I reaffirm that there has been no agreement entered into between the AHHA and ADHA on any matter related to the My Health Record system.

Please accept my apologies for this omission.

Yours sincerely,

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