



**Australian Government**

**Australian National Preventive Health Agency**

Dr Ian Holland  
Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Additional Estimates Hearing,  
15 February 2012: Outcome 1 Population Health**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Additional Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 15 February 2012.

At page 102 of the Proof Committee Hansard, Senator Di Natale asked the following question:

“Essentially, the work done by the agency is based on requests by ministers of health, state or federal...Are those requests on the public record? Are they public?”

My response was as follows:

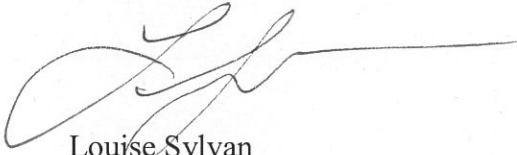
“Yes. That sort of information is public...I distinguish between what we are working on and requests for advice from the ministers. A formal request for advice, which we will give, is also required to be made public within a certain period of time. So that information will go up on our website as a public piece of advice.”

Upon reviewing the transcript of the statement, it appears that the response could be clarified to reflect that, under the *Australian National Preventive Health Agency Act 2010*, certain advices from the agency are required to be made public, rather than the *requests* for advice, per se. The response should be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“Yes. That sort of information is public...I distinguish between what we are working on and requests for advice from the ministers. An advice requested by a minister on a preventive health matter ~~A formal request for advice, which we will give,~~ is also required to be made public within a certain period of time. So that information will go up on our website as a public piece of advice.”

If you have any questions, or should you wish to discuss this matter further, the contact in ANPHA is John Kalokerinos, Manager, Operations and Knowledge, on 02 6289 2879.

Yours sincerely

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Louise Sylvan  
Chief Executive Officer  
29 February 2012