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Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Clarification of Evidence Provided at the Additional Estimate Hearing,  
15 February 2012: Outcome 1: Population Health**

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

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question:

“Right. So there have not been any resignations as a result of potential conflicts of interest”

I responded as follows:

“No”

The response that I provided is correct in relation to TGA staff. However, I wish to clarify that there have been instances where Committee members have resigned due to matters related to conflict of interest.

Yours sincerely

Jane Halton PSM  
Secretary  
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