



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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

Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Senate Community Affairs Committee
Hearing,
15 February 2013: Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 15 February 2013.

The Chair asked the following:

“We are not breaking yet-we have got some late answers. Do we have those answers?”

My response was incorrectly recorded in Hansard as follows:

“There are three organisations the department has ceased funding in the current financial year. All of those organisations have come at the low end of funding as a result of the organisations becoming insolvent. With regard to recoveries, I mentioned previously that we are currently recovering \$1.08 million from one organisation and \$183,000 from another. I also mention that we in negotiation with one organisation over a potential of up to \$2 million in recoveries and, through a deed of arrangement with the administrator of an organisation we formerly funded, we have a recovery of \$3.2 million under way.”

There was considerable movement of officers in the room at the time and Hansard would have found it difficult to hear and unfortunately made some errors in the recording. What I said and should now be recorded is as follows (changes are underlined):

“There are three organisations the department has ceased funding in the current financial year. All of those organisations are no longer being funded as a result of the organisations becoming insolvent. With regard to recoveries, I mentioned previously that we are currently recovering \$1.08 million from one organisation and \$183,000 from another. I also mention that we are in negotiation with one organisation over a potential of up to \$2 million in recoveries and, through a deed of arrangement with the administrator of an organisation we formerly funded, we have a recovery of \$3.2 million under way.”

Yours sincerely


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