



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 the Additional Estimates Hearing,
Health and Ageing Portfolio, date 13 February 2013: Outcome 4**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Additional Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 13 February 2013.

Ms C Smith asked the following question of clarification:

“Was your question, Senator, about how many have been completely repaid?”

Senator Fierravanti-Wells stated:

“Yes.”

My response was as follows:

“No. I do not believe any have. They have a repayment term of about 20 years.”

The response was based on the information I had available at that time. It has been brought to my notice, however, that two Zero Real Interest Loans have been completely repaid. In light of this, the response should now be amended as follows:

“Two Zero Real Interest Loans, with a total value of \$1.45 million, have been repaid in full.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ben Vincent', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Vincent
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9 April 2013