



Australian Government

Department of Social Services

Senator Zed Seselja
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

Clarification of an answer to 2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearing on 11 February 2016

I am writing to seek a correction to the Hansard recorded during the Committee's examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 1.

In answering a question from Senator Siewert regarding Outcome 1, I was quoted as saying:

"The first deliverable of PwC was a final draft evaluation."

and

"I understand that all along it has been indicated that the results of the evaluation would be released."

However, the term I used was not "evaluation," but "valuation," which has a specific technical meaning referring to work conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Department as part of the Australian Investment Approach to Welfare.

I would be grateful if the Hansard could be corrected to reflect the correct terms.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Essex'.

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