



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2015 – 16 Additional Estimates Hearing,
10 February 2016**

I am writing to correct two statements that I made to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2015 – 16 Additional Estimates hearing on 10 February 2016 (Hansard pages 117 and 120).

In answering a question from Senator Di Natale, I said (page 117):

“The only exception where it is usual for us to be the delegate initiated scheduler for medicines is for routine new prescription drugs, which go to schedule 4 or schedule 8 depending on their prescription...”

It has been brought to my notice that the response should have been (change is underlined):

“The only exception where it is usual for us to be the delegate initiated scheduler for medicines is for routine new prescription drugs, which go to schedule 4 or schedule 8 depending on their access controls.”

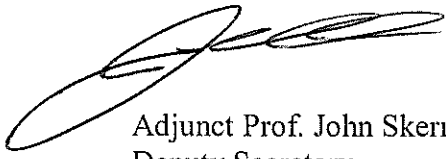
In answering a question from Senator Di Natale, I said (page 120):

“If I could give a statistic. We successfully process 220 of these applications every single working day of the year.”

It has been brought to my notice that the statistic includes applications and notifications, therefore response should have been (change is underlined):

“If I could give a statistic. We successfully process 220 of these applications and notifications every single working day of the year.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Skerritt', with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

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