



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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

Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Senate Community Affairs Committee
Estimates Hearing,
Monday, 30 May 2011: Whole of Portfolio, Department of Health and Ageing**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Senate Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Monday, 30 May 2011.

Senator Fierravanti-Well asked the following question:

“...in relation to Lead Clinicians Groups. These were promised by Kevin Rudd at the AMA national conference in May last year after mark I was signed. A year later, where are we at with this?...”

My response was as follows:

“A position paper has been distributed from the Commonwealth to a wide range of key stakeholders, including the state and territories, outlining a Commonwealth preferred position on Lead Clinician Groups. Those stakeholders and state and territories have until June 15 to comment...”

It has been brought to my notice that the closing date for comments is in fact 17 June 2011. Therefore the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“A position paper has been distributed from the Commonwealth to a wide range of key stakeholders, including the state and territories, outlining a Commonwealth preferred position on Lead Clinician Groups. Those stakeholders and state and territories have until June 17 2011 to comment...”

Yours sincerely

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