



Dr Ian Holland
Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Dr Holland

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Budget Estimates Hearing,
29 May 2012: Department of Human Services**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 29 May 2012.

At page 79 of the Proof Committee Hansard, Senator Siewert asked the following question:

“They were initiated by the host organisations in each of those regions?”

My response (at page 80) was as follows:

“And with the work of our Government Action Leader and the Community Action Leaders that are now in place as well.”

On reviewing the transcript, it appears that the response could be clarified to reflect the primary role of the Department of Human Services. The response should be amended to read:

“The groups were established by the department with the work of our Government Action Leader and the Community Action Leaders that are now in place as well.”

Yours sincerely

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