



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 Budget Estimates Hearing,
Date 31 May 2012: Outcome: 5. Primary Care**

I am writing to correct a statement made by Anne Thorpe, who was A/g Assistant Secretary for GP Super Clinics Branch at the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 31 May 2012.

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question:

“How many applications were received for the ACT GP Super Clinic?”

Ms Thorpe's response was as follows:

“It just has not been our practice on the basis that if there are only a couple of applications and we still have to provide feedback we do not indicate the number. In this instance, there were four applicants.”

It has been brought to my notice that the evidence that Ms Thorpe provided was inaccurate. However, in light of subsequent discussions the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

“It just has not been our practice on the basis that if there are only a couple of applications and we still have to provide feedback we do not indicate the number. In this instance, there were seven applicants.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Faichney'.

Kirsty Faichney
A/g First Assistant Secretary
13 July 2012