



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:

“Could you also check whether the foundation had any role in any other entity? Can you take on notice to check the involvement of both the corporate entity and the foundation in any GP superclinic?”

Ms Thorpe's response was as follows:

“What I can tell you is that the funding agreements are in fact with different entities. They are part of the Ochre Group, but the funding agreement for the ACT GP superclinic is with an entity called Ochre ACTSC Proprietary Limited. It is a subsidiary. It is an entity.”

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):

“What I can tell you is that the funding agreements are in fact with different entities. They are part of the Ochre Group, but the funding agreement for the ACT GP superclinic is with an entity called Ochre ACT(SC) Proprietary Limited. It is a subsidiary. It is a separate entity.”

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Faichney
A/g First Assistant Secretary
13 July 2012