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Jeanette Radcliffe  
Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
Parliament House CANBERRA 2600

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction to Answers to Estimates Questions on Notice - Health Portfolio  
Budget Estimates 2017**

I am writing to correct a response to a written Question on Notice (SQ17-000856) provided by the Department to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs in June 2017.

An error in the data has recently been identified and the Department seeks to correct this error. Processes have been implemented to prevent such an error happening again.

Please find attached the response with corrected data.

I would like to request that the public record be corrected and members be provided with the amended response.

Yours sincerely

Margot McCarthy  
Deputy Secretary  
Ageing and Aged Care

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000856

**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** HCP - provider accreditation

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page [date] or Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

What are the most recent figures on how many Home Care Providers are now accredited broken down by previously accredited, not previously accredited and previously accredited for a different service?

**Answer:**

- At 30 June 2016, there were 496 operational approved providers of home care services.
  
- At 31 March 2017, the department approved 158 applications to provide home care in 2016-17. Of these:
  - 23 were existing providers of residential care and/or flexible care under the *Aged Care Act 1997*; and
  - 135 were new approved providers, including 25 Commonwealth Home Support Programme providers.