



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

Ms Naomi Bleeser
Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Bleeser

**Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Senate Estimates Hearing,
Wednesday, 20 October 2010: Outcome 5**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Additional Estimates Hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday, 20 October 2010.

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question:

“What about those medical practices and patients affected in a particular area? What sort of process have you been going through in relation to consulting with potentially affected people?”

My response was as follows:

“With each of the superclinics that currently now have contracts and are up and running there was an extensive consultation with each local community. You may remember – it was about two or two-and-a-half years ago – all potentially affected members of the local community were encouraged to turn up. Local members were encouraged to come. There was a significant allowance made for listening to views at the time, from memory. All answers to questions were published on the website and a précis of each consultation was published on our website.”

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

“With each of the superclinics that currently now have contracts and are up and running there was an extensive consultation with each local community. You may remember-it was about two or two-and-a-half years ago-all potentially affected members of the local community were encouraged to turn up. Local members were encouraged to come. There was a significant allowance made for listening to views at the time, from memory. ~~All answers to questions were published on the website and~~ A précis of each consultation was published on our website”

Yours sincerely



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30 October 2010