

Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe Secretary Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

Request for Amendment to Evidence Provided at Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, 22 October 2014 Outcome 2

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday, 22 October 2014.

Senator Di Natale stated the following:

"We have a hep C strategy that commits us to trying to achieve significant reduction in the disease. We have a huge burden of disease".

My response was as follows:

"They were at a cost of over \$200 million over four years".

The response should be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

"They were at a cost of over \$200 million over five years".

Yours sincerely

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30 October 2014