



Australian Government
Department of Health

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

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Correction of evidence to 2015 – 16 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing,
21 October 2015**

I am writing to correct a statement that I made to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2015 – 16 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 21 October 2015 (Hansard page 92).

In answering a question from Senator Ian McDonald, I said:

“If a new commercial enterprise or an existing commercial enterprise got in the business of processing the cannabis product, many established pharmaceutical companies already have TGA GMP manufacturing licences, and so they need not go through the process of registering it as a medicine.”

It has been brought to my notice that the response should have been (change is underlined):

“If a new commercial enterprise or an existing commercial enterprise got in the business of processing the cannabis product, many established pharmaceutical companies already have TGA GMP manufacturing licences, and so they need not go through the process of registering the facility.”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Skerritt', written in a cursive style.

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30 October 2015