



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

Senator Zed Seselja  
Chair  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Correction of evidence and clarification of evidence to the 2015-2016  
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on 21-22 October 2015.**

I am writing to correct evidence and clarify answers provided by representatives of the Programme Office (Cross Outcomes) to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services on Thursday 22 October 2015.

In answering questions from Senators Siewert and Moore a number of errors were made by representatives of the Department. Recommended corrections are provided at **Attachment A**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Reddel', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Tim Reddel  
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10/11/15  
Date

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**Hansard Corrections**

**Attachment A**

Date	Senator	Page	Corrections
22 October 2015	Siewert	9	<b>Dr Reddel:</b> Yes. The approximate costs we are still working through because Nous is still working with us on helping implement some of the recommendations and the suggestions they made in their report. But it is approximately \$110,000 over the course of last financial year. ( <b>replace this with last</b> )
	Siewert	11	<b>Dr Reddel:</b> Yes. As we were going through some of the assessment process. ( <b>delete final stages of the</b> )
	Moore	18	<b>Dr Reddel:</b> Yes. In terms of the balance of the department, we have approximately 2,803 grants as at September and approximately \$4.9 billion in grant funding ( <b>replace 2,083 with 2,803</b> ).
	Moore	18	<b>Ms Bruce:</b> So that information is uploaded on the <b>Department of Social Services</b> website regularly ( <b>replace Department of Finance with Department of Social Services</b> ).
	Moore	18	<b>Ms Bruce:</b> It is <b>dss.gov.au</b> ( <b>replace grants.gov.au with dss.gov.au</b> ).
	Moore	19	<b>Ms Pondes:</b> It is at this point. As the directory has been established, the actual ongoing updating of it is minimal ( <b>replace is being with has been</b> ).
	Moore	20	<b>Ms Bruce:</b> It will be uploaded regularly as funding agreements are executed on dss.gov.au and then will be translated into the department's service directory ( <b>replace grants.gov.au with dss.gov.au</b> ).
	Moore	21	<b>Ms Bruce:</b> From memory, not all. But we do have a separate reporting process on that that is due at 31 March each year ( <b>delete to the parliament</b> ).