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Mr Aaron Harper MP
Chair
Health, Communities, Disabilities Services and
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Harper

I refer to the estimates hearing for the Health and Ambulance Services portfolios held on 25 July 2019. There are statements made by me and another witness at this hearing that I wish to clarify.

I refer to page 34 of the proof transcript and the statements made by Ms Jackie Hanson, Chief Executive, Metro North Hospital and Health Service regarding the number of documents removed from the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital by a contracted service. Ms Hanson has confirmed that at the hearing she stated '8,000 pages of documents', not 'a thousand pages of documents' as recorded in the proof transcript.

I also wish to amend statements I made in relation to the Queensland Ambulance Service response times and the capital investment for ambulance stations, as recorded on page 44 of the proof transcript.

At the hearing, I stated that the Palaszczuk Government has invested "$41 million in capital works to build new and replacement stations in areas such as Mermaid Waters, Wynnum, Thursday Island, Kenilworth and Yandina." This statement should have been "$51 million…".

In relation to ambulance response times, at the hearing I stated that "response times at the 90th percentile went down from 17.3 minutes to 16.1 minutes." I misspoke: the response times at the 90th percentile have decreased to 17.1 minutes in 2018-19.

Thank you for considering these amendments. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Laura Kanaris, Manager - Estimates, Office of the Director-General, on telephone 3199 3911, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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