



Alcohol Tobacco & Other Drug
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**Corrections to the evidence given by Ms Carrie Fowlie, Executive Officer,
ATODA to the Estimates Committee 2012-13 on 15 June 2012**

Dear Ms Salvaneschi,

Please see below two corrections to the data cited in the evidence given by me to the Estimates Committee 2012 - 13 on 15 June 2012 at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

I have also provided follow up information and my responses to questions on notice, this is provided in a second document.

I am more than happy to provide any additional information or support the Committee may like.

Kind regards,

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When I gave evidence to the Estimates Committee I did not have the data in front of me and I was speaking from memory, there are two points of data clarification I would like to make:

1. Pediatric HIV rates (Proof of Transcript Evidence, p. 66)

I said "What they found was that in New York there were 17,000 children who had acquired HIV/AIDS that could be tracked to injecting drug use, whereas in New South Wales they found 45." The correct figure is: "In New York City, which has a population about the same size as New South Wales but rampant HIV among IDUs [injecting drug users], more than 17,000 paediatric cases of AIDS have been reported, compared to 42 in New South Wales."¹

I also note that in my evidence I did not specifically say New York City, I only said New York.

2. Smoking rates in drug treatment and support services (Proof of Transcript Evidence, p. 69)

I said "As an example, we have a 98 per cent smoking rate in some drug treatment services". The correct figure is - some sources estimate that 95% of people in alcohol and other drug treatment are current smokers.²

¹ Dolan, K. MacDonald, M., Silins, E. & Topp, L. 2005. Needle and syringe programs: A review of the evidence. Canberra: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.
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² Richter, K. (2006). Good and Bad Times for Treating Cigarette Smoking in Drug Treatment. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 38(3), 311-316.
Kerle, C. & Jago, A. (2005). *A Non Smoking Policy in a 15 Bed Detoxification Unit*. Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation.