

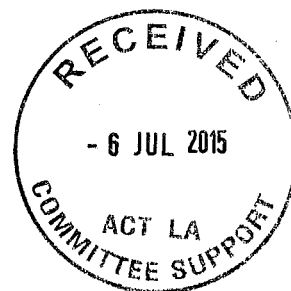


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Dear Mr Smyth

I would like to advise you of an error during the Estimates Hearings for Early Intervention and Prevention on 18 June 2015 which can be found in the Hansard Transcript on page 482 and page 483.

Mr Gentleman: *It is a very important question, Ms Fitzharris. I was first able to really get my head around trauma-informed therapeutic services when we launched Melaleuca Place last year. We had a very strong, passionate advocate, Professor Judith Bragg. She provided the audience at the Melaleuca launch with a very detailed observation about how trauma-informed research and therapy assist in those young people's lives. I am probably not an expert on how that should be described.*

Mr Gentleman: *I think that was the surprise for me, Ms Fitzharris, when I listened to the expert evidence from Judith Bragg—that there actually are physical changes to those young people from the trauma that they have had through their lives. It actually physically changes the brain. It was quite an eye opener.*

While I said 'Professor Judith Bragg', I meant to say 'Louise Newman'. Could you please authorise the change for publication.

Yours sincerely

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