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Mr Bob Stensholt MP
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Dear Mr Stensholt

In my presentation at a hearing of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) on 19 May 2009, I stated that Victoria has 802 drug treatment beds.

That figure was based on advice from my department. My department has now informed me that their advice to me was incorrect. The correct number of beds is 792.

I understand the incorrect advice from my department arises from the incorrect classification of beds made before the 1999 election. The error was discovered as a result of the creation of the new Mental Health and Drugs Division in my department through a process being undertaken to consolidate mental health and drug information sources.

I regret the error and ask that you correct the reference in the PAEC transcript of 19 May 2009 from to 802 beds to 792 beds.

Yours sincerely

Hon Lisa Neville MP
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