

Budget Estimates Secretariat
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Amendment of evidence provided at Budget Estimates Hearing 2024-2025

Dear Secretariat

I am writing to you to amend evidence I provided at the Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health Budget Estimates Hearing 2024-2025 on Monday 9 September 2024.

In my evidence to the Committee on page 7 of the uncorrected transcript, I state that

“The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: With respect, it's not that new. It's been going for a little while. You talked about EMHAART. Is that funded through Mental Health, or is that through the Ministry of Health more broadly? Who pays for that program?”

The Hon. ROSE JACKSON: I think it is funded jointly by the LHD and perhaps vulnerable persons funding, which may come through the ministry, not specifically through the Mental Health Branch. Is that right, or is that through the Mental Health Branch?

BRENDAN FLYNN: That's through the Mental Health Branch, Minister.

The Hon. ROSE JACKSON: It is through the Mental Health Branch. Thank you, Brendan.”

I wish to advise that the Emergency Mental Health Acute Addiction Response Team (EMHAART) is funded by Mid North Coast Local Health District, not through the Mental Health Branch at the Ministry of Health as stated during the hearing.

For more information, please contact the Mental Health Branch at

Yours sincerely

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