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## Supplementary statement of Emma Kate McGuirk

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### Introduction

- 1 This statement made by me:
  - (a) accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (**Royal Commission**);
  - (b) is a further response to a Notice to Give Information or a Statement in Writing No. NTG-298 dated 23 July 2019 (**NTG-298**) issued by the Royal Commission to the Department of Social Services (**Department**).
- 2 This statement has been prepared with the assistance of lawyers in response to and in compliance with NTG-298. It is produced to the Royal Commission on the basis that it will be tendered and received in evidence by the Royal Commission pursuant to NTG-298 and on the basis that the statement will be treated as evidence which is subject to section 6DD of the *Royal Commissions Act 1902* (Cth).
- 3 I previously provided a statement to the Royal Commission dated 23 July 2019 in response to NTG-298 (my **First Statement**).
- 4 In paragraphs [20] to [24] of my First Statement, I set out the growth in number of payments to carers between 2008-2018. As a result of some issues in the production of the numbers in response to the Royal Commission's query, some of the numbers I provided in paragraphs [22] and [23] of my First Statement were not correct. I wish to correct those paragraphs and substitute in their place the following paragraphs:
  - "22. *Between June 2008 and June 2018, the number of people receiving Carer Payment increased from 134,106 to 274,414, which was a 105% increase:*
    - (a) *During the same period, the number receiving Carer Payment for caring for someone 65 years of age or more increased from 47,708 to 110,508, a 132% increase.*
    - (b) *The proportion of Carer Payment recipients caring for someone 65 years of age or more increased from 36% to 40%.*

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23. Between June 2008 and June 2018, the number of people receiving Carer Allowance increased from 437,017 to 622,423, a 42% increase:
- (a) During the same period, the number receiving Carer Allowance for caring for someone 65 years of age or more increased from 170,353 to 262,500, a 54% increase.
- (b) The proportion of Carer Allowance recipients caring for someone 65 years of age or more increased from 39% to 42%."

Signature		Witness	
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