

Dear Ms Cummins,

The transcript of the evidence that I gave before the Social Issues Committee on 28th August, 2015, was accurate but for two small points:

- i) the name Cain at para. 6, page 23, should be Keynes;
- ii) the word market at the last line of para. 6, page 24, should be mark it.

*Question on notice*

Claymore is one New South Wales locality which, according to the methodology of 'Dropping off the Edge,' currently is experiencing a high level of disadvantage and has done so since 1999. There was a less severe disadvantage ranking in 2007 but this was largely due to the inclusion of several 'experimental' indicators that turned out to be generally less helpful in identifying areas of marked disadvantage. They included 'lone person households,' 'immunization levels,' and 'childhood injuries,' with Claymore's results on these no longer used indicators ranging from mid-way down the list to the most favoured 10% of New South Wales postcodes.

Claymore

1999 – Ranked 9<sup>th</sup>

2004 – Ranked 10<sup>th</sup>

2007 – Ranked 26<sup>th</sup>

2015 – Ranked 5<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the information on Claymore included in the attachment "2007 and 2015 Outcomes Compared," I suggest that locality could reward the Social Issues Committee's particular attention because of the strategic issues it presents. Well informed interventions are being attempted to benefit children's early development and preparation for schooling. Is the scale of the present effort sufficient to help bring about a transformation in children's life opportunities? What other areas of community functioning hold the greatest promise of increasing well-being generally? In that regard the Department of Family and Community Services (South Western Sydney District: Senior Project Officer Robert Bosi) is planning initiatives that bear on the Social Issues Committee's concern with exploring increased coordination of community services and the effective collaboration of service providers.

I trust that the attachment which examines in some detail factors associated with positive and negative shifts in the overall rankings of a number of New South Wales localities in 2015, will also be of assistance to the Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have presented the Dropping Off the Edge findings to the Social Issues Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Vinson