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From: Monks, Allanah (DPaC) [<mailto:>]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2013 10:05 AM
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Subject: Letter from Michelle O'Byrne MP
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Dear Mr Dutton,

Please find attached a letter from the Tasmanian Minister for Health, Children and Sport and Recreation.

Kind regards,

Allanah Monks | Administrative Assistant | Michelle O'Byrne MP | Minister for Health
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Peter Dutton
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Dear Peter,

Congratulations on your appointment to the Health Minister and Sport Minister portfolios.

As Minister for Health and Sport in Tasmania, I write to request a meeting to brief you on a number of health portfolio issues in Tasmania. In particular, your ongoing commitment to the continued work of the Commission on Delivery of Health Services in Tasmania and to update you on the current status of the Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment.

I look forward to a positive response to my request for a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle O'Byrne".

Michelle O'Byrne MP

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4 OCT 2013

Dear Minister *Peter*

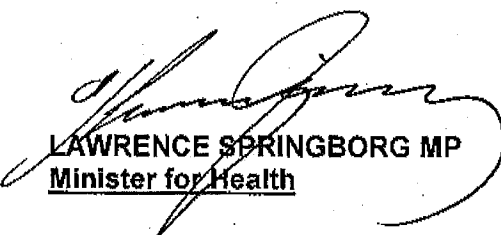
I refer to my letter to the former Federal Minister for Health and Medical Research, dated 12 July 2013, regarding the need to seek approval from the Premier of Queensland to accept the revised Implementation Plan for the Townsville Hospital Redevelopment – Stage 3 Works under the National Partnership Agreement on Health Infrastructure.

I am pleased to advise that the Premier has approved my acceptance of the revised Implementation Plan and I have enclosed the signed Agreement.

I appreciate your continued support of this project, which is providing much needed health services to Queenslanders.

Should your officers require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Susan Middleditch, Deputy-Director General, System Support Services Division, Department of Health, on telephone _____, to be available to assist.

Yours sincerely


LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP
Minister for Health

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR TOWNSVILLE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - STAGE 3 WORKS

Council of
Australian
Governments

An agreement between

- the Commonwealth of Australia and
- Queensland

The output of this project will be the expansion of the Townsville Hospital.

Project Agreement for Townsville Hospital Redevelopment - Stage 3 Works

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Project Agreement (the Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to performance reporting and payment arrangements.
2. The objectives of the Health and Hospitals Fund, whilst not replacing state and territory effort, are to invest in major health infrastructure programs that will make significant progress towards achieving the Commonwealth's health reform targets, and make strategic investments in the health system that will underpin major improvements in efficiency, access or outcomes of health care.
3. The Commonwealth contribution is conditional on the achievement of outputs and milestones by the State of Queensland (Queensland), which will be assessed by the Commonwealth through the provision of a Project Plan by the State and standard quarterly project status reports as outlined in Part 4.
4. This Agreement will support the expansion of facilities at the Townsville Hospital, including supporting infrastructure such as a central energy facility, improved operating theatre capacity, additional inpatient capacity and associated spaces as described in the Health and Hospitals Fund Round 1 application from January 2009.
5. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement for this project.
6. This Agreement replaces the existing Funding Agreement executed on 24 June 2009 for this project.

Note: The Townsville Hospital Redevelopment is being undertaken as multiple discrete stages of which this Agreement relates to Stage 3.

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

Parties to this Agreement

7. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) represented by the Minister for Health, and Queensland represented by the respective State Minister with portfolio responsibility for health.

Term of the Agreement

8. This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and Queensland sign the Agreement and will expire on completion of the project as outlined in the Project Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
9. The Project Plan to be developed and agreed by senior Commonwealth and Queensland officials is expected to be a flexible document that may be varied over time to accommodate changed circumstances. However, variations to the Project Plan that directly affect payment milestones and their achievement are subject to written agreement between the Ministers.

PART 2 – PROJECT OUTPUT

Output

10. The outputs of this Agreement, as described in Round 1 of the Health and Hospitals Fund project application dated January 2009, and in the Project Plan will be:
 - (a) expansion of the current operating theatre suite with delivery of two new Operating Theatres (Stage 3A)
 - (b) a new clinical block (South Block) adjacent to the current main acute building which will accommodate up to 64 additional beds plus displaced beds and services from the hospital redevelopment; and
 - (c) expansion/upgrading of supporting infrastructure, e.g.: car parking, kitchen, medical facilities, expansion of pathology laboratory and central energy plant.

PART 3 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

11. The Commonwealth will be responsible for:
 - (a) monitoring and assessing achievement against payment milestones in the delivery of the *Townsville Hospital Redevelopment – Stage 3 Works* under this Agreement and in accordance with the project milestones specified in the Project Plan to ensure that outputs are delivered within the agreed timeframe;
 - (b) providing a consequent financial contribution to the States to support the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (c) in accordance with the *Fair Work (Building Industry) Act 2012*, ensuring that financial contributions to a building project or projects as defined under the *Fair Work (Building Industry – Accreditation Scheme) Regulations 2005*, are only made where a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction Occupational Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme is contracted; and
 - (d) ensuring that compliance with the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry and the Australian Government Implementation Guidelines for the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry is a condition of Australian Government funding.

Role of Queensland

12. Queensland will be responsible for:
- (a) developing and providing to the Commonwealth a Project Plan that would typically include details on scope, project schedule, budget, project stakeholders, governance arrangements, communication plan, high level design plans and a risk management plan;
 - (b) all aspects of delivering on the project outputs set out in the Project Plan and in this Agreement;
 - (c) reporting on the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 4 – Payment Milestones, Reporting and Payments;
 - (d) ensuring that only a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction Occupational Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme is contracted, and providing the necessary assurances to the Commonwealth; and
 - (e) ensuring that compliance with the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry and the Australian Government Implementation Guidelines for the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry, is made a condition of tender for all contractors and subcontractors who tender for the work, and providing the necessary assurances to the Commonwealth.
13. Queensland will also be responsible for ensuring that, for the purposes of the practical completion of a milestone, projects will:
- (a) be complete and free from defects or omissions, except for defects or omissions that are minor in nature, that Queensland cannot reasonably fix, or by fixing, will significantly inconvenience users of the works;
 - (b) not cause any legal or physical impediment to the use and occupation of the property and the works for the designated use; and
 - (c) be fit for use for the designated use.

Shared roles

14. Both Parties will meet the requirements of Schedule E, Clause 26 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations, by ensuring that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 4 – PAYMENT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

15. The following table summarises the milestones for the project, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made, once a report certifying that milestones have been met is received and accepted. Detailed project milestones are included in the Project Plan.

16. Table 2: Payment milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Milestone(s) ¹	Date due	Relevant Report due	Payment
Townsville Hospital Redevelopment – Stage 3 Works (see clause 15).	Execution of Funding Agreement	24/06/2009 ²	24/06/2009	\$24.0m
	Approval of Project Work Plan in accordance with the Funding Agreement	24/11/2009 ²	24/11/2009	\$9.5m
	Commence designs of Central Energy Facility, Support Facilities expansion and Theatre Block/Acute refurbishment	30/6/2010 ²	30/06/2010	\$4.5m
	Commence construction of Central Energy Facility and Support Facilities expansion	03/11/2011 ²	March 2012	\$14.8m
	Commence construction of the Kitchen Expansion	November 2011 ³	March 2012	\$50.1m
	Commence Construction of the South Ward Block	November 2012	May 2013	\$36.5m
	Complete Construction of the Theatre Block	December 2012	May 2013	\$60.0m
	Complete construction of the Central Energy Facility	July 2013	July 2013	\$35.5m
	Complete construction of South Ward Block	August 2014	August 2014	\$10.0m
	Practical completion of the project and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the final Project Report ⁴	August 2014	October 2014	\$5.0m

¹ Where payment milestones do not align with quarterly reports, the Commonwealth may request additional information from Queensland to demonstrate that the milestone has been satisfactorily met.

² Funds already provided under the previous Funding Agreement.

³ Funds already provided under the previous Funding Agreement and payment was approved 6 July 2012.

⁴ The final payment is subject to the Commonwealth's acceptance of the final report that demonstrates that all milestones have been met in accordance with the Project Plan and all reporting arrangements have been met.

Reporting arrangements

17. Queensland will provide the Commonwealth with standard quarterly project status reports with reference to the project outputs (Part 2), milestones (Part 4, Table 1) and Project Plan, due by the 10th business day in January, April, July and October each year. Each performance report is to contain the following information:
 - (a) a description of actual performance of Queensland in the period to date against the project milestones;
 - (b) details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Queensland proposes to resolve this/these matter(s); and
 - (c) promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the project during the reporting period and any promotional opportunities expected to arise during the next reporting period.
18. These reports are required to be submitted via the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing's Health and Hospitals Fund Capital Projects Reporting Online system. All quarterly reports must be certified by an appropriate Queensland delegate as being a true and accurate representation of the progress of the project for the relevant reporting period.
19. Queensland will also prepare a final Project Report within 90 days of the date of practical completion of the final element of the project as specified in the Project Plan. The final Project Report will be a stand-alone report that can be used for public information and dissemination purposes. The final Project Report will:
 - (a) describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the Project(s);
 - (b) evaluate the Project(s) from the responsible Party's perspective, including assessing the extent to which the project milestones have been achieved and why any aspect was not achieved; and
 - (c) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, limited to the minimum necessary for the effective assessment of performance, which the Commonwealth notifies the States should be included in the final project report at least 60 days before it is due.
20. Quarterly project status reports will follow the template at Schedule A.

PART 5 — FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

21. The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to Queensland of \$250.0 million in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.
22. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where Queensland secures funding from other activity partners through innovative and collaborative partnerships.
23. The Commonwealth's and Queensland's estimated financial contribution to the operation of this Agreement, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with *Schedule D — Payment Arrangements of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*, are shown in Table 1.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Estimated budget	total	24.0	14.0	0.0	14.8	146.62	35.58	15.0	250.0
Less estimated National Partnership Payments		24.0	14.0	0.0	14.8	146.62	35.58	15.0	250.0
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

24. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in a Project Agreement, Queensland will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, Queensland bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for Queensland to deliver the project cost effectively and efficiently.

PART 6 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Enforceability of the Agreement

25. The Parties do not intend any of the provisions of this Agreement to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

Variation of the Agreement

26. The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by all the Parties.
27. Bilateral schedules to this Agreement that have no impact on other Parties may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by the relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers.
28. A Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by notifying the other Party in writing.

Delegations

29. The Commonwealth Minister may delegate the assessment of performance against milestones and the authorisation of related project payments to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with those payments.

Dispute resolution

30. Any Party may give notice to other Party of a dispute under this Agreement.
31. Officials of relevant Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
32. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, it may be escalated to the relevant Ministers and if necessary, the relevant COAG Council.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

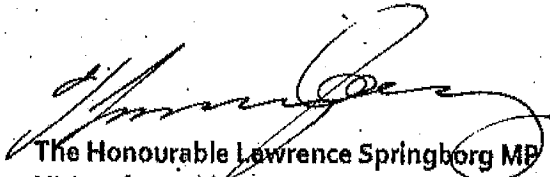
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Tanya Piibersek MP
Minister for Health

16 May 2013

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by



The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
Minister for Health

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Project Status Report:

Project Status Report

Report Month:

Submission Status:

Submission Date: xx/xx/20xx

Current Forecast Completion Date: xx/xx/20xx

Actual Date of Project Completion: xx/xx/20xx

Current Project Stage:

Key Activity Undertaken Since Previous Report:

Significant achievements in next 3 months:

Progress Status

Schedule: Green/Amber/Red

Cost: Green/Amber/Red*

Compliance: Green/Amber/Red

Scope: Green/Amber/Red

Slippage Comments:

Corrective Action Taken:

Risk: Green/Amber/Red

Financial*

Original Project Cost: \$xx,000,000.00

Current Project Cost: \$xx,000,000.00

Forecast Final Cost: \$xxx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual Total Cost at Completion: \$0.00

Expenditure of Commonwealth funds*

Budgeted to Date: \$xx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date: \$xx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date as a % of budgeted: xx.00%

Expenditure of co-contributor funds*

Budgeted to Date: \$x,xxx,xxx.00

Actual of Date: \$x,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date as a % of budgeted: xx.00%

Milestones*

Name	(%)		Completion Date			Completion Cost (\$)			
	Compl	Original	Current	Forecast	Actual	Original	Current	Forecast	Actual
Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the Project Plan*		xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx			xxx,000	xxx,000		
Commence construction		xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx			xxx,000	xxx,000		
Ground Floor complete		xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx			xxx,000	xxx,000		
Base building complete		xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx			xxx,000	xxx,000		
Fit out, finishes and fittings complete		xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx			xxx,000	xxx,000		
Practical completion of the project and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the final project report									

* Note: This information is reported by non-government organisations in the Department of Health and Ageing's Health and Hospitals Capital Projects Reporting Online system. Completion of the shaded areas is optional for States and Territories.

Scope

Is the project scope still consistent with the agreed project scope?: Yes/No

Compliance

Is project compliant with all relevant Commonwealth, State and Local government legislation?: Yes/No

Is project compliant with all relevant building codes in your State or Territory?: Yes/No

Is project compliant with all relevant Commonwealth building codes?: Yes/No

Please confirm that your Construction/Procurement includes a requirement for the proponent to comply with any changes in Legislation which may be relevant to the Project: Yes/No

Please confirm that the Project complies with all Commonwealth, State, Territory and/or Local Authority statutory planning and zoning restrictions: Yes/No

Project Status Report:

Project Status Report

Report Month:

Submission Status:

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Slippage Comments:

Corrective Action Taken:

Risk: Green/Amber/Red

Financial

Original Project Cost: \$xx,000,000.00

Current Project Cost: \$xx,000,000.00

Forecast Final Cost: \$xxx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual Total Cost at Completion: \$0.00

Expenditure of Commonwealth funds

Budgeted to Date: \$xx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date: \$xx,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date as a % of budgeted: xx.00%

Expenditure of co-contributor funds

Budgeted to Date: \$x,xxx,xxx.00

Actual of Date: \$x,xxx,xxx.00

Actual to Date as a % of budgeted: xx.00%

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Commence construction	-	xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx	-	-	xxx,000	xxx,000	-	-
Ground Floor complete	-	xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx	-	-	xxx,000	xxx,000	-	-
Base building complete	-	xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx	-	-	xxx,000	xxx,000	-	-
Fit out, finishes and fittings complete	-	xx/xx/20xx	xx/xx/20xx	-	-	xxx,000	xxx,000	-	-
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Katy Gallagher MLA

CHIEF MINISTER

MINISTER FOR HEALTH
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Health
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to request the appointment of a temporary nominee as the ACT representative to the Advisory Committee on Chemicals Scheduling and the Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling.

The current ACT representative for both committees is the ACT Chief Pharmacist, Ms Vivien Bevan.

Mr Michael Fitzsimons will be the Acting Chief Pharmacist He may also be required to attend meetings on an ongoing basis where Ms Bevan is unable to attend. As such, I wish to nominate Mr Fitzsimons as temporary nominee for both committees until further notice.

The Chief Pharmacist has historically represented the ACT on scheduling committees as this role has responsibility for upholding ACT medicines, poisons and therapeutic goods legislation.

Mr Fitzsimons is an experienced pharmacist with expertise relating to medicines, pharmacy practice and consumer health issues concerning medicines scheduling. I therefore feel he will be a suitable appointment for these roles.

I also understand Ms Bevan's standing appointment is due for review from 1 January 2014. I therefore request that this be renewed on an ongoing basis and until further notice.

Yours sincerely

Katy Gallagher MLA
Minister for Health

25 SEP 2013

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