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	6:00am Sitting Week - Butler, Mark (Private) To 10 Oct	
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	3.30PM ACT TIME Meeting with Glenn McGrath, John Conde and Holly Masters	
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	11.30AM ACT TIME (20 mins) headspace Day at APH IN PERSON MO REP S47F	
12 PM	NOON ACT TIME Attend for 15 / 20 mins Juvenile Arthritis National Stakehold	
	12.30PM ACT TIME Meeting - National President Pharmacy Guild of Australia	
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2	2PM ACT TIME Regular 1:1 with RACGP IN PERSON MO REP: Nick / \$47F Vide	
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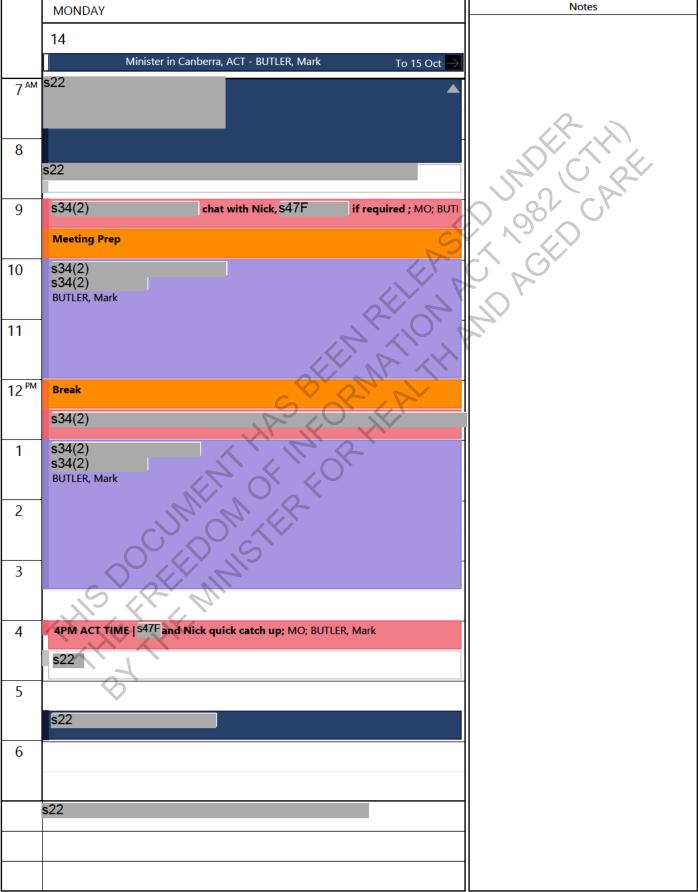
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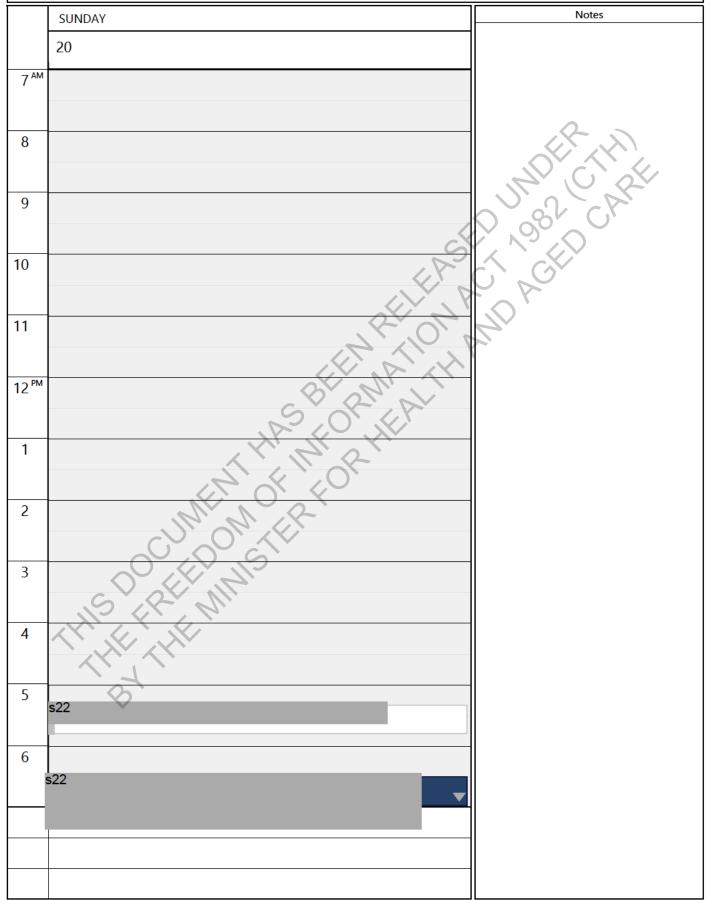
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10	Oak Tree Retirement Villages Australia (4 Discovery Way, Rutherford New South Wales BUTLER, Mark	O NOSE CARE
11	11AM NSW TIME w/M Swanson MP Visit to Heal Specialist Urgent Care IN PE	7
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12 PM	NOON NSW TIME w/M Swanson MP Doorstop / Visit / Meeting on site to Rayı 4 Jacaranda Ave Raymond Terrace NSW 2324; BUTLER, Mark	
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	1.30PM NSW TIME w/M Paterson MP Visit to Capital Chemist Pharmacy IN P	
2	Drive to Sydney CBD Approx. 2 hour 2.20PM NSW TIME RADIO - ABC New	
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	NSW time BUTLER, Mark	
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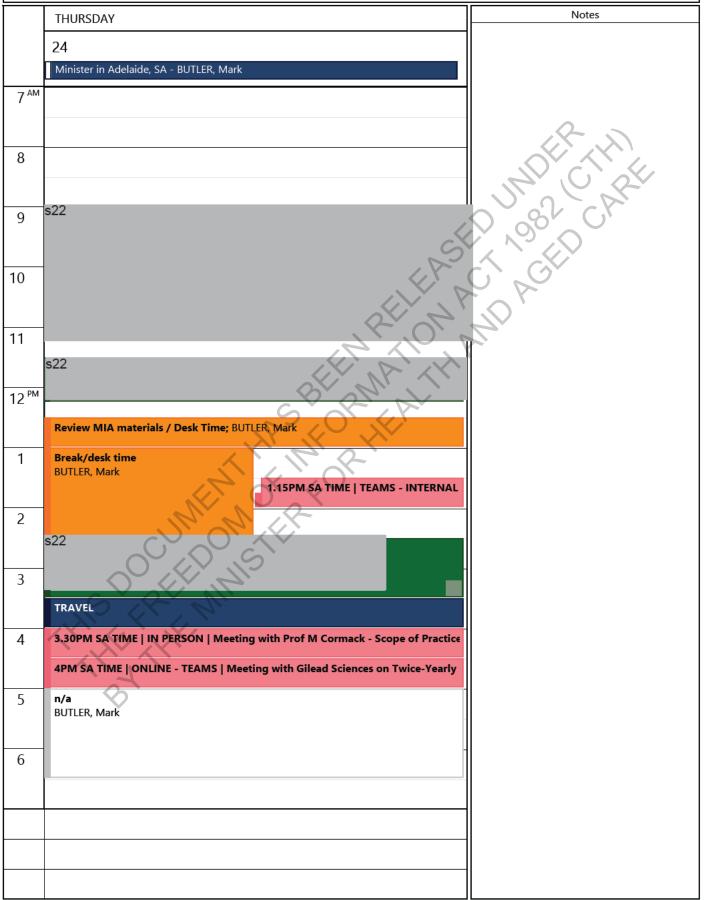
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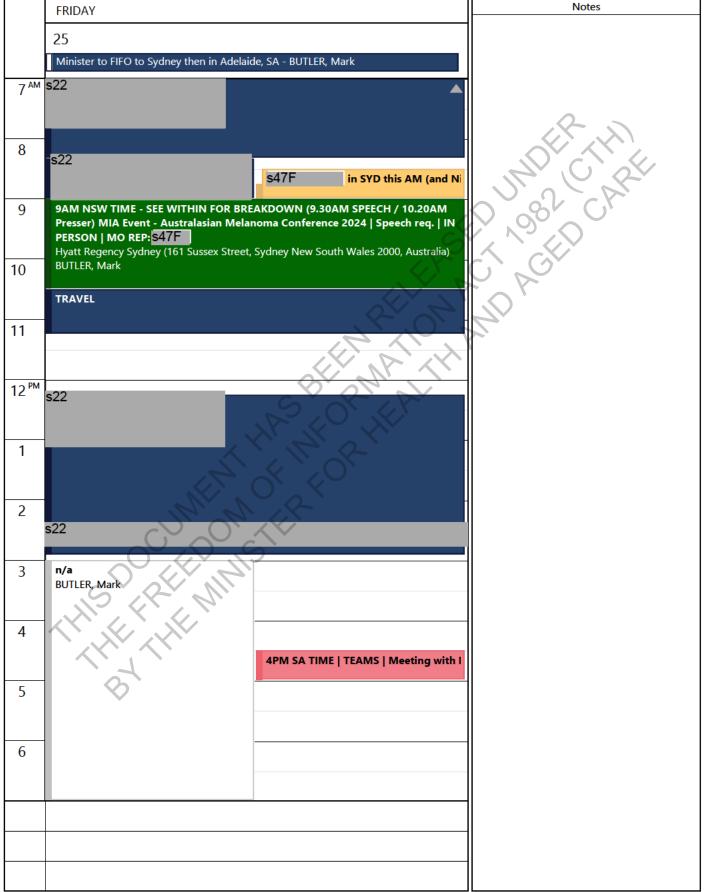


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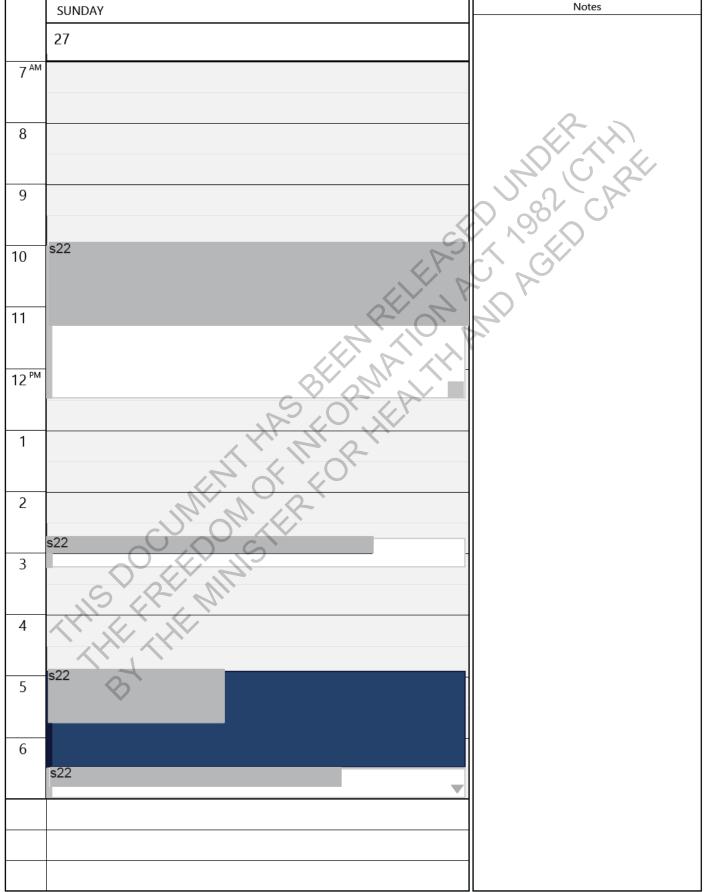
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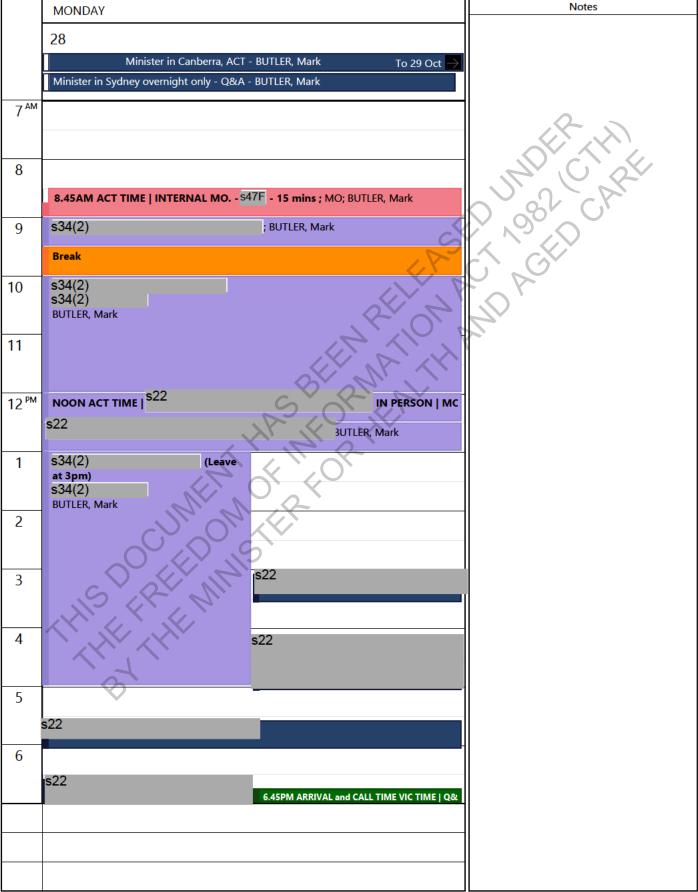


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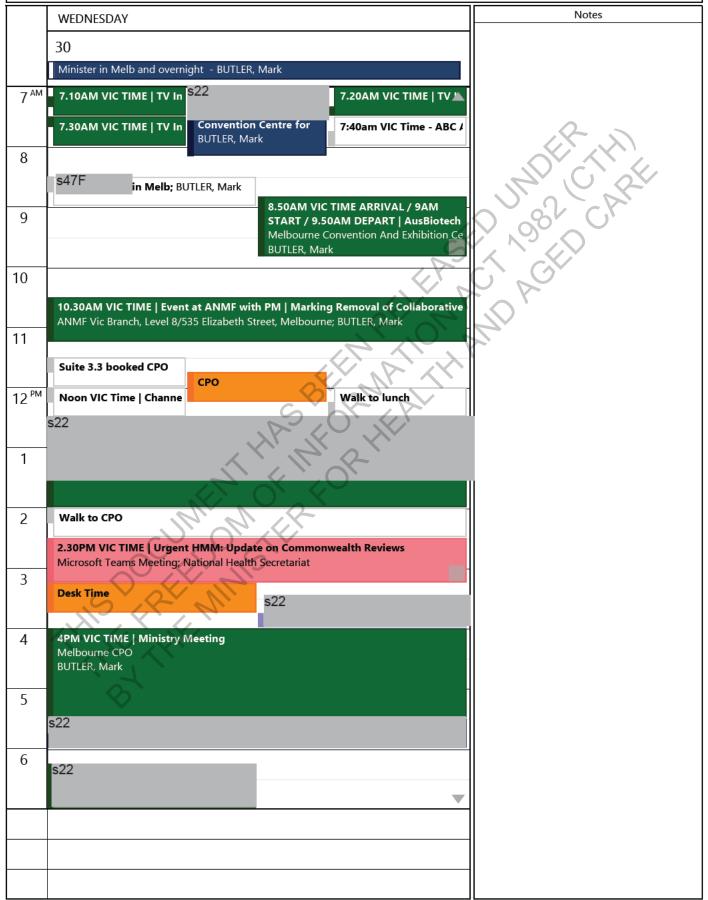


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The Hon. Mark Butler MP

Minister for Health and Aged Care

DRAFT VIDEO SCRIPT

International Allied Health Professions Day Video script duration: 30-60 sec

- Happy International Allied Health Professions Day.
- Today, we celebrate the incredible contribution of our allied health professionals.
- Allied health professionals are a critical backbone to our healthcare system.
- Just like the theme of today's celebration Stronger Together, our government recognises the vital role allied health professionals play in multi-disciplinary team.
- When doctors and nurses work together with allied health professionals, we achieve better health outcomes for all Australians.
- Our government is committed to supporting the commissioning of Multidisciplinary Teams program as part of the *Building a Stronger Medicare* package.
- This ensures all Australians have access to high-quality, team-based care to improve the management of chronic conditions and reduce avoidable hospitalisations.
- I want to acknowledge and thank you for your dedicated contribution to our health aged care, and sporting sectors.
- Your contribution is invaluable.

Thank you.

ENDS



s47F From:

To:

Subject: International Allied Health Professions Day script [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024 2:52:23 PM

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Hey s47F

Can you please review the attached script as it falls under s47F patch? 20242609 International Allied Health Professions Day.docx

s47F can you please put in time for this record, need it with the dept by 4 Oct. I'll then book it in with the dept to record.

Thanks,

s47F

s47F

Assistant Media Adviser

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Subject: 10AM SA TIME ARRIVAL | UCC Para Hills opening with Acting Health Minister

(Mullighan) and Tony Zappia MP | IN PERSON - McIntyre Medical Centre (owned by

Manor Family Care) | RUN SHEET and documents within

Location: 33 McIntyre Rd, Para Hills West SA 5096

Start: Thu 3/10/2024 10:30 AM End: Thu 3/10/2024 11:15 AM

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Meeting Status:		Meeting organizer		0- 5 /
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TIME	Place/Room	Description	Person responsible	e Notes
9.50 am	UCC Entrance	Arrival of guests + media	\$47F	Guests should assemble near UCC entrance for Minister's arrival
10.00 am	UCC Entrance	Minister arrives	\$47F	Parking x2 reserved for MO next to MUCC entrance
10.15am	Treatment room (see photo)	Press Conference	Order of Speakers: 1. Tony Zappia 2. Hon Mark But 3. Stephen Mullighan 4. Dr William Monkhouse Questions	Tony Zappia to do introduction, Min Butler to make announcement, followed by Stephen Mullighan and final remarks by Dr Monkhouse Media to then ask Min questions.
10.35 am	MAIC/UCC Reception, inside Medicare UCC	Meet and greet with staff, Facility Tour Photos + TV b-roll	Hon Mark Butler Acting Minister Mullighan Member for Makin Zappia Dr William Monkhouse Local MPs	
10.45 am	MAIC/UCC entrance/exit	Disband media	s47F	
10.45 am	MAIC/UCC entrance/exit	Farewell and thanks, Minister departs	s47F	



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MARK BUTLER MP MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGED CARE

CHRIS PICTON MP SOUTH AUSTRALIA MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

TONY ZAPPIA MP MEMBER FOR MAKING

SA MEDICARE URGENT CARE CLINICS HIT 50,000 PRESENTATIONS AS NEW CLINIC OPENS IN PARA HILLS

The Albanese Government is delivering better access to urgent health care for residents in Adelaide's northeast with the opening of a new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (Medicare UCC) at the McIntyre Medical Centre.

The Para Hills Medicare UCC is now open for patients over extended hours and seven days a week. No appointment is needed, and services are completely bulk billed.

The Para Hills Medicare UCC is equipped to treat a range of conditions and injuries that are urgent, but not life-threatening, including cuts, viral infections, rashes and sprains.

The location of the new clinic was decided in consultation between the Australian and South Australian Governments, and Adelaide Primary Health Network, and is positioned to reduce pressure on Lyell McEwin Hospital and Modbury Hospital.

In 2022-23, around 30 per cent of presentations to the emergency departments at these hospitals were for semi-urgent or non-urgent conditions which can be treated at the Medicare UCC.

This is the 76th Medicare Urgent Care Clinic the Albanese Government has opened.

Since the first clinics opened in June 2023, they have seen more than 762,000 presentations nationwide.

The Para Hills clinics brings to six the number of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics operating in South Australia. The other five clinics have had over 50,000 patient presentations.

Around half of all patients to South Australian Medicare UCCs say they would have otherwise attended an emergency department if it wasn't for the urgent care clinics.

One in four of these were patients aged under 15 years old, more than one in four were on weekends.

The Para Hills Medicare UCC is commissioned by Adelaide Primary Health Network.

Quotes attributable to Minister Butler:

"We know that Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are delivering the healthcare people need in the community when and where they need it.

"Over 50,000 visits to the existing Medicare Urgent Care Clinics shows how popular they are across the state.

"The Para Hills Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is open seven days a week, extended hours and all patients need is their Medicare card not their credit card.

Quotes attributable to Minister Mullighan:

"It's great to now have six Medicare Urgent Care Clinics operating in South Australia, giving patients another convenient avenue for healthcare closer to home.

"The Para Hills Medicare UCC is going to make a big difference to patients across the northeastern suburbs of Adelaide.

"They can simply walk into this clinic for any non-life threatening injury like a broken bone or cut, with no out of pocket cost, instead of having to wait at an emergency department. This is better for patients and helps take pressure off our busy EDs."

Quotes attributable to Tony Zappia MP, Member for Makin:

"The opening of the new clinic means thousands of people in the northeast can now get high quality medical care close to home, without spending time in the Modbury or Lyell McEwin emergency department."

MEDIA CONTACT:

s47F

Attachment C

Q&A

What is being announced today?

 A new Medicare UCC was established in Para Hills on 1 October 2024, as part of the further \$227 million announced in the 2024-25 Budget to expand the Medicare UCC Program.

How was the location of the new Medicare UCC in Para Hills decided?

- The Adelaide PHN has commissioned the Para Hills Medicare UCC.
- The Para Hills Medicare UCC is co-located with the Para Hills Priority Care Centre.
- McIntyre Medical Centre is the provider of the Para Hills Medicare UCC.

When will the new Medicare UCC be operational in Para Hills?

- The Para Hills Medicare UCC is already operational as of 1 October 2024.
- All new and transitioning Medicare UCCs will be implemented in 2024-25.
- More precise timeframes will be available once funding has been provided to commissioners, and consultation has occurred to transition sites and conduct tender processes for new sites.

How many category 4 and 5 presentations is the new Medicare UCC in Para Hills predicted to ease the pressure off local hospitals?

- In 2022-23, over 30% of presentations to the Lyell McEwin Hospital were for semi-urgent or non-urgent matters.
 - Over 18,000 presentations were for semi-urgent and 5,600 for non-urgent matters.
- In 2022-23, over 30% of presentations to the Modbury Hospital were for semi-urgent or non-urgent matters.
 - Over 12,200 presentations were for semi-urgent and 2,200 for non-urgent matters.
- A new Medicare UCC in this region will further ease pressure on the Lyell McEwin and the Modbury Hospitals, allowing them to concentrate on higher priority emergencies.

Are these just a rebadging of state services?

- The Medicare Urgent Care Clinic Program was established to reduce pressure on busy Emergency Departments by diverting unnecessary presentations to hospital. In some jurisdictions, urgent care services have been established in parallel to the Medicare UCC program, with funding support from the Commonwealth through MBS access to a limited number of items.
- Following the announcement of the \$1.2 billion Strengthening Medicare package in December 2023, the Government worked closely with State and Territory governments on high priority initiatives to reduce this burden.
- Priorities in SA included further leveraging the network of existing state-funded Priority
 Care Centres that operate on a direct referral model. Expanding the Para HIlls Priority

Care Centre to include a Medicare UCC will support walk in urgent healthcare, and help to reduce Emergency Department presentations in critical locations.

What does the \$227m funding include?

This funding supports:

- a further 29 Medicare UCCs (including new clinics and transition of existing urgent care services) including operational support and access to select Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items over two years to 2025-26.
- funding extension for Medicare UCCs in Toowoomba and Townsville by one year to align with the funding period of other clinics under the Medicare UCC program (until 30 June 2026).
- Funding extension by one year for three existing remote primary care pilot urgent care services in the Northern Territory to align with the funding period of other clinics under the Medicare UCC program (until 30 June 2026).
- additional funding for existing clinics in Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2-6* areas in recognition of higher medical and nursing professional salaries in these areas.
- access to additional MBS items across the new and existing Medicare UCCs for pregnancy, electrocardiography and minor surgical operation items following advice from the Medicare UCC Operational Advisory Group.

How were the locations chosen?

- States and territories were invited to submit proposals to boost the Medicare UCC program and take the pressure off busy hospital Emergency Departments.
- Proposals included further funding for some existing clinics, potential locations for new clinics, or transition of existing state-led urgent care services to the Commonwealth Medicare UCC program.
- Location decisions were informed by:
 - o equitable distribution of clinics around the country;
 - analysis of need and likely demand including category 4 and 5 presentations to partner emergency departments;
 - suitability of existing urgent care services to be funded by the Commonwealth under the Medicare UCC program; and
 - consideration of the likelihood to establish a successful service e.g. workforce capacity and capability.
- In many jurisdictions, Primary Health Networks provided advice on local operating context and an assessment of the likelihood a service could be established.
- Through this process, the Para Hills region was identified as an area of need and growth. In consultation with the South Australian Government, Lyell McEwin Hospital and Modbury Hospital were identified for an additional Medicare UCC to be co-located with

^{*} Excludes Mparntwe (Alice Springs) Medicare UCC, which received additional funding of \$1.25 million in 2025-26 through previous negotiations with NT Government.

a South Australian Priority Care Centre.

Will this new clinic be open from 8am to 10pm, as was promised before the election?

- The Para Hills UCC will be open initially reduced hours 9am-7pm weekdays and 10am-4pm weekends.
- The department has confirmed the UCC will ramp up over the coming months (expected from January 2025), with the hours of operation still subject to confirmation from the PHN and provider.
- The opening hours of each Medicare UCC will be informed by the local context, however all are required to operate extended hours.
- Some Medicare UCCs may open for reduced hours initially while the model is bedded down in the local context.
- The Department is working with states and territories, and Primary Health Networks to
 ensure clinics are supported to meet the needs of their local communities including
 assessing whether opening hours match local demand, which may include consideration
 of category 4 and 5 presentations at the partner Emergency Department.
- The Department is aware of challenges around workforce supply and demand in some areas. The department is working closely with states and territories and other stakeholders to allow flexibility for Medicare UCCs to adapt to local conditions and needs, including where there are local workforce constraints.
- The department is working closely with the Adelaide Primary Health Network to ensure the new clinic in Para Hills is commissioned in line with expectations outlined in the Medicare UCC Operational Guidance.

Will all new clinics have access to diagnostic imaging and pathology on site?

- Yes. All new and existing clinics must adhere to the Medicare UCC Operational Guidance, which was jointly developed with state and territory governments.
- The Medicare UCC Operational Guidance specifies that clinics should have timely (onsite or proximate) access to diagnostic imaging and laboratory-based pathology services.

Will new clinics be established in each jurisdiction?

- Through National Cabinet, First Ministers agreed to a \$1.2 billion package of Strengthening Medicare measures to take pressure off hospitals. Following this announcement in December 2023, the Government has worked closely with states and territories to consider proposals outlining priority investment opportunities to boost the Medicare UCC program and reduce unnecessary presentations to hospital.
- All jurisdictions have received additional funding for Medicare UCCs.
- Decisions regarding the number of clinics in each jurisdiction was agreed in consultation with states and territories, and in line with priorities for Commonwealth investment through the \$1.2 billion Strengthening Medicare package.

Will all new clinics be open seven days?

- With the exception of the additional clinics in the Northern Territory where local workforce in remote locations is a limiting factor, all Medicare UCCs will be open seven days.
- The Department is working with states and territories, and Primary Health Networks to ensure clinics are supported to meet the needs of their local communities including assessing whether opening hours across the week match local demand.

Why expand the program while you have yet to assess whether it is working?

- Strengthening Medicare by ensuring all Australians have access to affordable primary care services when and where they need it continues to be a priority for the Australian Government.
- Through National Cabinet, First Ministers agreed to boost the Medicare UCC program to take pressure off local hospital emergency departments.
- This \$1.2 billion Strengthening Medicare package, agreed by National Cabinet, highlights the partnership with states and territories to provide better care for Australian families and shared objective to reduce pressure on busy hospital emergency departments.
- Medicare UCCs continue to fulfil their promise of high quality, accessible, walk-in care for hundreds of thousands of Australians.
- Building on the early success of this program, more Australians in more locations will be able walk in and get the urgent care they need, fully bulk billed, without waiting hours in a busy hospital emergency department thanks to a further 29 Medicare UCCs.
- Since the first clinic opened in June 2023, there has been more than 740,000 occasions of service.
- Medicare UCCs have improved access to care for patients in need of urgent medical assistance outside of regular business hours, with one in four weekday visits from 5pm.
- The department has engaged an evaluation partner (Nous) to undertake an independent evaluation of the Medicare UCC program. New and transitioning Medicare UCCs are in scope for this evaluation, with a final report due in mid-2026.

What is a Medicare UCC?

- Medicare UCCs are easing the pressure on our hospitals and give Australian families more options to see a healthcare professional when they have an urgent, but not lifethreatening, need for care.
- The clinics are:
 - based in existing GP clinics and health centres
 - o providing free (bulk billed) services
 - open after normal business hours
 - accepting walk-in patients
 - o providing treatments that do not require a hospital admission, such as for broken bones, wounds, and minor illnesses and burns
 - o diverse and responsive to the needs of the local community.

Where are the existing five South Australian Medicare UCCs located?

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- Marion
- Morphett Vale
- Mount Gambier
- Western Adelaide



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Subject: 3PM SA TIME | IN PERSON | Meeting with John Seymour and Chris Tanti | Blood

Cancer / Taskforce | MO REP: S47F | ONLINE

Location: 21 Commercial Road Port Adelaide

Start: Fri 4/10/2024 3:30 PM **End:** Fri 4/10/2024 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: BUTLER, Mark

Required Attendees: 947F @aph.gov.au; \$47F @leukaemia.org.au>

Optional Attendees: \$47F @leukaemia.org.au>; \$47F ; John Seymour; Chris

Tanti; S47F

Categories: Internal / on site / in office meeting

From: \$47F @leukaemia.org.au>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 3:12 PM

To: \$47F @Health.gov.au>

Subject: Meeting with Minister

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I hope you're well. Thanks to you, \$47F and \$47F for helping with the meeting yesterday.

said you and he agreed yesterday that the Minister would meet with John Seymour and Chris Tanti to discuss blood cancer, and specifically where the Taskforce and blood cancer treatment and care sit within government's future priorities.

Are you able to nominate some times, and we'll work with John and Chris to find an appropriate time?

Thanks again.

Cheers

s47F

s47F

Head of Government Relations and Policy Blood Cancer Partnerships

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Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister [SEC=OFFICIAL] Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 12:29:23 PM

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Thanks s47F, much appreciated.

Online is preferred as Chris & John are in VIC.

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AGE Just so you are aware, I have forwarded the invite to Chris Tanti, John Seymour and s47F who will be attending the meeting.

Thanks again.

Kind Regards

s47F

Project and Advocacy Coordinator **Blood Cancer Partnerships**

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Done – I have put in as an online meeting. Let me know if they are coming to Port Adl instead?

From: s47F @leukaemia.org.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:54 AM

To: \$47F @Health.gov.au>

Cc: s47F @leukaemia.org.au> Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks **s47F**

2:30pm Adelaide time is perfect!

Kind Regards

s47F

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Sure. We could do 230pm SA time?

From: S47F @leukaemia.org.au>

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Prof John Seymour (Co-Chair of the Taskforce) has clinic in the morning of the 20 , are we able to find a time in the afternoon possibly after 12:30pm Adelaide time?

Thank you,

Kind Regards

s47F

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From: S47F @Health.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 19 August 2024 2:44 PM

@leukaemia.org.au> Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s47

Happy to assist with the below. Would the 20 September work at 10AM or 10.30 SA time – the Minister will be in Adelaide so can do a video meeting; otherwise the PM that date is quite flexible.

Take care.

s47F

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ARRIVE 7.45AM ACT TIME | \$47F attending) | RACGP Launch of HOTN Report and Subject:

short remarks re various reports being released this date - letter attached | IN PERSON

Location: Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove, Parliament House, ACT

Start: Tue 8/10/2024 7:45 AM End: Tue 8/10/2024 9:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: M	leeting organizer			
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Time	Activity			
7:30am – 7:40am	Guests arrive			
7:40am – 7:45am	MC calls guests to table			
7:45am – 7:50am	Welcome and overview			
7:50am – 7:55am	MC hands over to Senator Susan McDonald to open the event			
7:55am – 8:00am	MC introduces the background to the report			
8:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast is served			
8:15am – 8:25am	MC introduces Dr Nicole Higgins, RACGP President to present Health of the Nation Report findings			
8:25am – 8:50am	Panel Discussion: Panel moderator (Dana Daniel – Canberra Times) to introduce panellists, ask Hon Mark Butler to speak briefly (5 mins), and then ask drafted questions. Hon Mark Butler MP Tr Sophie Scamps MP Dr Ramya Raman – RACGP WA Faculty Chair			
8:50am - 9:05am	Questions from the audience			
9:05am – 9:10am	MC invites Gordon Reid, Co-Chair of Parliamentary Friends of GPs Group to give a Vote of Thanks			
9:10am – 9.15am	Wrap-up by MC. Discussion and mingling			
9:15am	Event concludes and guests depart			



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24 July 2024

Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Via email: minister.butler@health.qov.au

Dear Minister.

Invitation to participate in the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' (RACGP's) General

Practice: Health of the Nation 2024 report launch

Tuesday 8 October 2024, 7:30am for an 8.00am start - 9.30am

Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove, Parliament House, ACT

On behalf of the RACGP's eighth annual General practice: Health of the Nation (Health of the Nation) report and to participate in a panel discussion at the event.

Each year the RACGP conducts a nation-wide survey of thousands of general practitioners (GPs) to develop Health of the Nation, a report providing timely insights into the sector as well as tracking long-term trends. It is the most comprehensive annual general practice report in Australia.

The eighth *General Practice: Health of the Nation* topic of interest is 'innovation in general practice – barriers and enablers'. This year the report highlights several themes relating to general practice:

- · workforce challenges facing the general practice profession
- general practice access and affordability
- current and emerging health issues
- job satisfaction and professional challenges
- the business of general practice.

The RACGP would value your participation in the launch. It will also be an opportunity for you to connect with GPs to discuss our shared interest in the ongoing strength of Australia's health system. We will provide you with a summary brief and an embargoed advanced electronic copy of the full report, including an outline of the key findings, prior to the launch. We will also provide you with a hard copy of the same report when available.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm your availability to participate in the launch event as soon as convenient. If you require any additional information or support, \$47F, RACGP Chief Advocacy Officer, can be contacted at \$47F, @racqp.org.au or via phone on \$47F.

Hook forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely s47F

> Dr Nicole Higgins, FRACGP President

s47F Nikki Hoga Carolyn Nikoloski; S47F
RE: Invitation to the Hon. Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care - Mental Health Sector Expo - Wednesday 9 October 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] Thursday, 19 September 2024 2:24:23 PM

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Hello^{s47F}

Thank you for your email - Nikki is just out of the office this afternoon so in the interests of a speedy reply I'll step in briefly!

We are thrilled to hear the Minister can make some time to attend our Expo, and greatly appreciate the efforts you've made to accommodate this. We understand that the departure time for the Minister is a firm deadline, so if there is a way to have him arrive slightly earlier to greet some members and take a few photos that would be much appreciated. We are just finalising the order of speakers for the formalities but will be prioritising the Minister and Ms Tink to speak first due to their parliamentary responsibilities. Carolyn and our lived experience speaker may continue through the 9am parl deadline so we will ensure that the Minister can make a quick exit after his speech to make it back to the Chamber in time.

In terms of what the Minister might focus on, we'll come back to you with some suggestions ASAP, but we're not intending to be too cy prescriptive - whatever the Minister would like to cover is very welcome. No proactive media is planned for this event at present, we're really focussing on this being a platform for MHA member networking and parliamentarian engagement

Warmest regards Emma

> Emma Greeney (she/her) Director, Policy & Advocacy

s47F



Mental Health Australia acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to all Elders both past and present and express our support to voice, treaty and truth telling. We also acknowledge the unique contribution of people with lived experience of mental ill health and those who love and care for them in championing mental health reform. As an inclusive organisation we celebrate people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities,

From: s47F @Health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 2:14 PM To: Nikki Hogan \$47F @mhaustralia.org>

Cc: Carolyn Nikoloski \$47F @mhaustralia.org>; Emma Greeney s47F @mhaustralia.org>; s47F

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Subject: RE: Invitation to the Hon. Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care - Mental Health Sector Expo - Wednesday 9 October 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Nikki

Thanks for sending through following our chat.

Happy to support with this. I can arrange for the Minister to arrive at 8.40AM for an 8.45AM speech. He does really need to depart by 9am so would it be better for him to get there at 8.30AM for a quick browse at the exhibitions / spaces and a pic or two?.

Is there anything you would like the Minister to focus on specifically in his remarks to avoid duplication etc.?

At this stage we don't plan on initiating media from our end but will let you know if this changes. Please keep us posted on anything you may arrange from your side on this. We will do a speech only

Kind regards



From: Nikki Hogan \$47F @mhaustralia.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 6:29 PM

To: \$47F

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Hi^{s47F}

Thank you for your time on the phone this afternoon. As discussed, we are excited to welcome the Minister to the Mental Health Sector Expo on Wednesday, 9 October, in Mural Hall, which we are co-hosting with the Parliamentary Friends of Youth Mental Health and Parliamentary Friends of Mental Health

In light of the schedule change to Question Time (Reps), we are adjusting the Expo start time from 9:00AM to 8:00 AM, with formal proceedings beginning at approximately 8:30 AM.

We greatly appreciate you pencilling in the Minister for 8:45 AM, where he would deliver a brief speech (up to 5 minutes) alongside Carolyn, Kylea Tink as the Parliamentary Friends of Youth Mental Health representative, and a Lived Experience speaker.

It would be wonderful if the Minister could also spend a few minutes engaging with our members and visiting their display spaces – perfect for photo opportunities! I've attached the registration list of our 45 member organisations registered (over 100 attendees) and floor plan for your information and reference.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm regards Nikki

Nikki Hogan

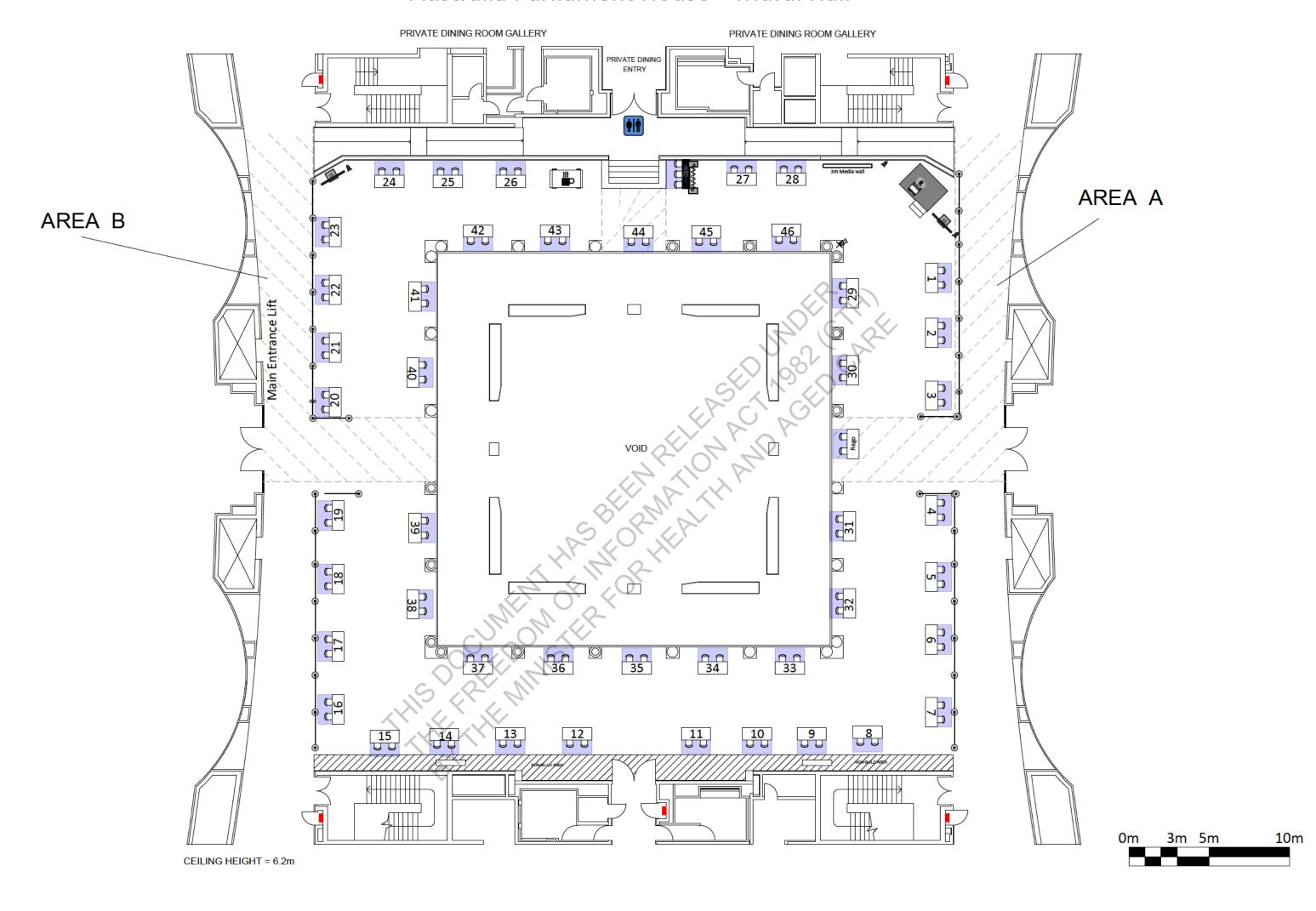
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Mental Health Australia acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to all Elders both past and present and express our support to voice, treaty and truth telling. We also acknowledge the unique contribution of people with lived experience of mental ill health and those who love and care for them in championing mental health reform. As an inclusive organisation we celebrate people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies, and abilities.

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CLIENT:	Mental Health Sector Expo	ADDITIONAL NOTES:
DATE:	9 th October 2024	Trade Show (NUMBER OF VENDORS TBC)
TIMES:	0900 to 1300	
DRAWN BY	: s47F	



Mental Health Sector Expo Mural Hall, Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday 9 October 2024

DISPLAY SPACE ALLOCATION/TABLE NUMBERS

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(TABLE NUMBER)	MEMBER / ORGANISATION
1	ACT Mental Health Consumer Network Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts
2	Therapies Association (ANZACATA)
3	ASPIRE
4	Australian Counselling Association
5	batyr Australia
6	Beyond Blue
7	Bipolar Australia
8	Butterfly Foundation
9/1	Centre for Muslim Wellbeing
10 5	Dietitians Australia
	Eating Disorders Queensland
12	Emerging Minds
13	Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia
14	Griefline
15	headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation
16	ICLA -Independent Community Living Australia
17	Innowell
18	Lifeline Australia
19	Liptember Foundation

20	Lived Experience Australia
21	Marathon Health Ltd
22	Mental Health Carers Australia
23	MAGNET (Deakin University)
24	Mental Health Coordinating Council (NSW)
25	Mental Health First Aid
26	Mental Illness Fellowship Australia
27	Mental Health Australia/Embrace Multicultural Menta Health Project
28	MindSpot
29	National Mental Health Consumer Alliance
30	Neami National
31	NMHCCF
32	Occupational Therapy Australia
33	Orygen
34	Primary and Community Care Services
35	Psychosis Australia
36	Queensland Alliance For Mental Health
37	ReachOut
38	Relationships Australia
39	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
40	Sleep Health Foundation
41	Smiling Mind
42	Black Dog Institute
43	Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH)
45	Mental Health Coalition of SA
46	The ALIVE National Centre for Mental Health Research Translation

From: \$47F
To: \$47F
Cc: \$47F

Subject: Fw: Juvenile Arthritis National Stakeholder Forum - October 9, 2024

Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2024 8:57:04 AM

Dear s47F

Following on from my previous email about a tentative date for this I wanted to correct this to Oct 9 (not 10 as originally advised).

FYI s47F is seeking an appropriate venue and s47F and I are meeting with s47F (ccd) next week and will brief her about the proposed event and seek her advice on how best to secure the Minister's involvement in some form.

By way of background, the Forum will be an important part of JAFA's federally funded health professional support - early diagnosis program for juvenile arthritis bringing together representatives from key stakeholder groups to agree on how best to implement the program nationally eg:

- RACGP and other community health professional organisations, nurses, pharmacists, physios, optometrists etc.
- First nations and CALD groups
- Arthritis non-profit organisations and consumers
- Federal, state and territory health departments
- The Aust Rheumatology Association and Australian Paediatric Rheumatology Group.

I'll get back to you after speaking with \$47F next week.

Many thanks for your help as always and kind regards,

s47F





reply to this message and follow with its deletion, so that we can ensure such a mistake does not occur in the future.



From: s47F

To:

Cc:

Subject: Re: Juvenile Arthritis Workshops [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Friday, 26 July 2024 10:10:47 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.jpg</u>

Hi <u>547</u>

Thanks for this. Delighted to hear the Minister is available. A 10am start is fine.

FYI, Mike Freelander is the parliamentary co-host for both events (on behalf of the Friends of Child & Adolescent Health).

We will, invite other MPs, Senator Ruston, and AM Ged Kearney as usual and \$47F s47F has agreed to facilitate both workshops.

Noted re the event form. Please let me know if anything else is required at any time.

Regards,

s47F

From: s47F @Health.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2024 3:54 PM

To: s47F @jafa.org.au>
Cc: s47F @Health.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Juvenile Arthritis Workshops [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks for this.

In terms of this:

- A National Stakeholder Forum (NSF) for around 50 participants
 I do recall we agreed to this in May. The Minister will be able to attend for 15/20 mins at the start to open, acknowledge and meet collectively the groups below. 10am start is best if ok with you. You should also consider inviting Mike Freelander and other health MPs.
- 2. A PBS Priorities Workshop for around 25 participants We will regrettably not be able to partake in this one. You may wish to consider asking one of the Assistant Ministers

If you can populate the attached in due course for number 1 above that would be great and work in with $^{\rm S47F}$ as needed on the policy front.

Thanks



From: \$47F @jafa.org.au>

Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:26 AM

To: S47F @Health.gov.au>; S47F

@Health.gov.au>

Cc: s47F @Health.gov.au>; s47F (M. Freelander, MP)

s47F @aph.gov.au>

Subject: Juvenile Arthritis Workshops

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Dear s47F

I hope all is well with you.

Having caught up with Mike Freelander yesterday (and following other consultations), I'm just touching base to confirm that, subject to \$47F being able to find an appropriate APH venue, it's all systems go for what will now be two back-to-back working meetings from

10am - 4pm, Wed 9 October being:

- 1. A National Stakeholder Forum (NSF) for around 50 participants
- 2. A PBS Priorities Workshop for around 25 participants.

The latter will be undertaken in partnership with the Australian Paediatric Rheumatology Group.

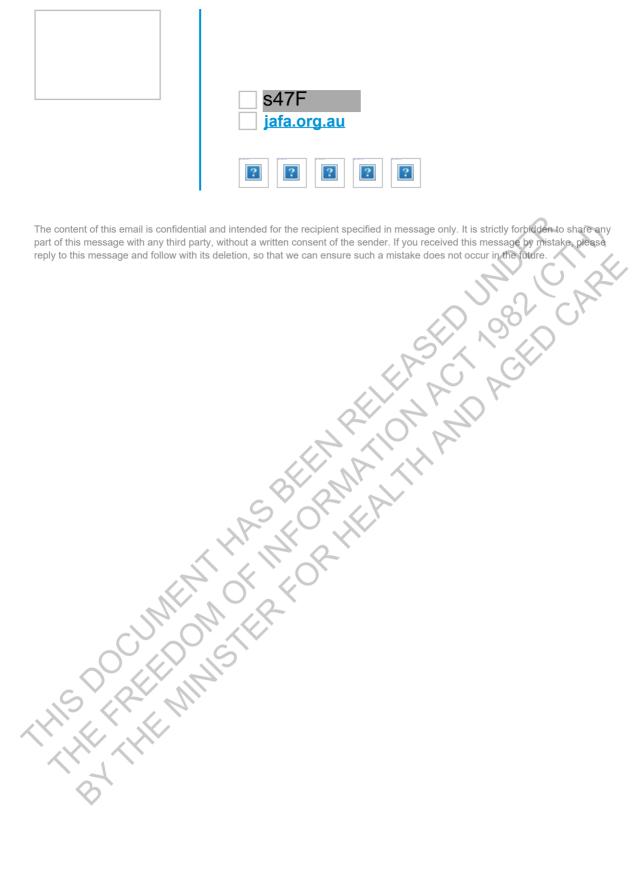
As previously discussed, it would be great if the Minister would agree /had availability to open or close the meeting or drop in at some stage- especially to the NSW which i expect will be scheduled first and which will include representatives from the RACGP. PSA, Guild, Primary Care Nurses Assoc, the Rheumatology Assoc and consumers.

s^{47F} I'd be grateful if you would let me know if I should write to formally to request the Minister's involvement?

With thanks and regards,

s47F





1 October 2024

The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

You may recall in 2023, a group of dedicated runners, with a connection to friends and families who had lost loved ones to Crutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), ran from Canberra to Warrnambool. You kindly sent a message of inspiration to us via a social media clip and, with support like this, we not only completed the run but we managed to raise \$100,000 for much needed research.

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I am writing to ask for your support again for this year's run from Adelaide, South Australia to Terang, Victoria via Mildura.

We will leave Adelaide on 12 October 2024 and would be happy to do so from your office, either Ministerial or electorate, so you could wish us well.

If it was possible, I was also wondering if you could explore the Government committing funds for a stage, or the the final three stages, of a longitudinal study (the Study) into the cause and potential treatment of Crutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD).

CJD is an insidious disease, causing the brain to degenerate leading to dementia and certain death. There is no known cure and, once diagnosed, death usually ensues within months.

The CJD Support Network Group has worked tirelessly over the years to raise funds for research into CJD. Funds are raised through a variety of sources including generous donations from families impacted by CJD, the now annual fun run known as Run4CJD and regular community events. The CJD Support Network Group operates as a registered charity.

The Study comprises five stages. The Group has raised sufficient funds to enable both Stage One and Stage Two to proceed (\$170,000 and \$95,000 respectively). The final three Stages will require funding to a total of \$435,000 (Stage Three \$170,000, Stage Four \$95,000 and Stage Five \$170,000).

It will take significant time for the Group to raise sufficient funds through current methods for the final three stages of the study to be undertaken.

If it was possible for the Australian Government to provide a commitment to support a stage or the final three stages of funding it would be of real significance.

This will enable the Study to be completed in the shortest possible time frame, thereby potentially saving many lives in the process.

I am happy to provide detailed notes on the breadth and intent of the Study for your information.

If you would like to discuss this matter personally, please feel free to contact me on my private mobile \$47F

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