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**Department of Health**

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Dear <sup>s 47F</sup>

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 November 2019 to the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, regarding applications to list prostheses in the General Miscellaneous category of the Prostheses List. The Minister has asked me to reply.

I understand your concerns with regard to the listing of new devices in the General Miscellaneous category while a review is underway. At its meeting of 12 December 2019, the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) considered applications to the Prostheses List. Applications included items for the General Miscellaneous category.

The engagement from Private Healthcare Australia representatives on PLAC has been a contributor to improving the quality of PLAC's consideration of applications to the Prostheses List, including the General Miscellaneous category.

During the review of the General Miscellaneous category, PLAC will continue to consider applications to that category. While there are items in the category that may be recommended for removal as a result of the review; it is possible that some items may remain. We cannot pre-empt the outcome of the review by pausing consideration of applications to the category. However, I would like to reassure you that each application to the General Miscellaneous category is considered on its merit and in the context of the review.

We expect to shortly appoint a consultancy to undertake the review. I can assure you that, consistent with the terms of reference, there will be opportunity for industry submissions.

Yours sincerely

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