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Hi Shitij and Helen – thanks for the chat yesterday Shitij some minor amendments below for your consideration.

I am also taking the liberty of introducing you via this email to Chris Bedford who is looking after Emma Gleeson's portfolio now.

Can my Mental Health colleagues please advise if the successful/unsuccessful applicants been advised of the outcome under embargo – not sure this can occur in caretaker.

Shitij as discussed yesterday, entering into a funding agreement is not permitted in caretaker as it represents a decision of Government. So the execution of this outcome will need to occur post-election and may need consideration by an incoming Government.

We are making arrangements for that meeting you requested.

Cheers, EK



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Dear all:

I was hoping to send this out tomorrow to get some closure on this email trail.

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Dear Advisory Panel Members,

First of all, thanks all for your participation in this process [truncated as it was] to make sure that the Minister was able to agree with the results of the competition, just prior to the Government slipping into caretaker. While the outcome is know

Second, I think we all appreciated in the last conversation that given the inevitable COIs which will emerge in any future competition, we will need to think more prospectively about how the panel can best discharge its duty in advising any future Minister.

Third, you have raised and echoed some important suggestions about getting more detail on the process as it was – so that we can be informed by it as we chart our next steps.

Helen and I are speaking with the Dept. and the MRFF team on this matter soon and will be in touch as soon as we have a way forward. As I synthesize your comments, we will need to have a premeeting to understand the lessons from this round and agree on what other consultation/input/co-ordination we would like before we can start the formal planning of the next. It will be good if we are prepared and ready to go with affirmative suggestions as the new Government is getting ready to roll.

Warm regards and more soon,

SK and HM

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This is indeed good news and I am glad to see the successful outcomes and look forward to the announcement.

I find it particularly pleasing that the process was managed without conflict or perception of bias. With regard to Frances' suggestions, I am happy to go with majority views as to meeting schedules.

I am also happy to accept that the NHMRC would have managed a fair, proper and transparent selection process and that whatever information they are able to share would be useful to disseminate.

Judy Bentley

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**COMMITTEE IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Advisory Panel members

It is with great pleasure that I advise that the Minister for Health, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP approved the outcomes of the first Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission grants round. In total, seven projects have been approved for funding: two child and youth (approx. \$10 million), two eating disorders (approx. \$5 million), and three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health projects (approx. \$12.45 million). You will note that the Minister has exercised his discretion to approve an additional \$2.45 million to ensure that the application that straddled the cusp of the funding cut off could be funded in its entirety.

The list of successful applications is below. Please note that this information is currently under embargo and forwarded to you as **committee in confidence** and cannot be passed on until this embargo is lifted. We will advise by way of email when this embargo has been lifted.

We anticipate that the Minister will be making announcements covering these grants in the coming days.

Priority area	Administering Institution	Chief Investigator	Title	Budget
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Curtin University	Associate Professor Michael Wright	Our Journey, Our Story: Building bridges to improve Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing	\$2,459,030.00
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Univeristy of Melbourne	Professor Sandra Eades	Bringing family, community, culture and country to the centre of health care: culturally appropriate models for improving mental health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people	\$4,998,863.80
Children and Young People	Monash University	Professor Simon Craig	The Kids are Not Okay: Emergency Department management of acute mental health crises in children and young people	\$4,996,126.75
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Children and Young People	University of Southern Queensland	Associate Professor Sonja March	evidence-based interventions into population-level digital models of care for child and adolescent mental health	\$4,996,350.50
Eating Disorders	University of Sydney	Doctor Sarah Maguire	MAINSTREAM Centre for Health System Research & Translation in Eating Disorders: detection and intervention system-focused knowledge to drive better outcomes in mainstream care for eating disorders	\$3,670,400.00
Eating Disorders	Deakin University	Associate Professor Matthew Fuller-Tyszkiewicz	Leveraging digital technology to reduce the prevalence and severity of eating disorders in Australia	\$1,342,548.00
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	University of Western Australia	Professor Pat Dudgeon	Generating Indigenous patient-centred, clinically and culturally capable models of mental health care	\$4,991,608.00

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We are currently looking at teleconference dates to work through the program for the June workshop and will be in touch about this next week.

Yours faithfully

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