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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2238-14, tabled in Parliament on 6 May 2014, in relation to the impact of individual contracts for senior doctors on training of doctors in Queensland.

Agreement has been reached on the content of the new employment contracts for Queensland Health's senior and visiting medical officers.

This outcome is excellent news for our doctors, our patients and the entire health care system.

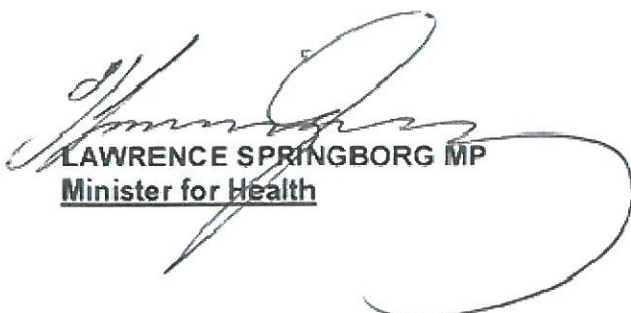
I believe Queensland Health has addressed the concerns that related to training, education, quality standards and research in the new contract.

As you may be aware, the new contract incorporates the earlier contract addendum along with other enhancements discussed, negotiated and agreed with doctors' representatives. I believe this new contract will deliver the clarity our senior and junior doctors are seeking, while also meeting the needs of Queensland patients.

Senior doctors are receiving their new contracts now, and in consideration of the issuing of the new contracts, I have extended the deadline for signed contracts to be returned to the Department by Hospital and Health Services to 31 May 2014, to allow time for doctors to review them. The new contracts come into effect from 4 August 2014.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



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