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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2008, regarding Petition No. 848-07 in relation to the Senior Breast Care Nurse position in the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Health Service District.

I am advised by Ms Michelle McKay, District Manager, Toowoomba and Darling Downs Health Service District, that during 2007, a draft model of care for the delivery of cancer services was developed in consultation with a committee of key stakeholders. This committee included representatives from the Queensland Cancer Council, Cancer Screening Services Unit and Surgical Specialists.

Additional State Government funding was provided in late 2007. This funding enabled Toowoomba Health Service to work with the steering committee to realign the model of care to incorporate the Cancer Care Coordinators at a Nursing Officer 4 level. The staff member previously appointed in a temporary capacity in the Breast Care Nurse position was permanently appointed at Nursing Officer 4 level in late 2007 and is continuing in the role.

The draft model for the Cancer Care Service at Toowoomba Health is nearing finalisation and close consultation with the steering committee continues. As previously noted, the committee includes external stakeholders who support women with breast cancer.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Linda Hardy, Executive Director, Toowoomba Health Service, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 4616 5695.

Yours sincerely

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