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Dear Commissioner Cousins

**Application for Authorisation Nos A90811 & A90812
Lodged by Health Purchasing Australia**

Thank you for your letter of 29 May 2002 in which you sought clarification of the Department's intentions in relation to the tender for nurse agency services by Health Purchasing Victoria.

As you point out, a Section 42 direction is currently in place under the *Health Services Act*. There is no intention to change the current arrangements and the Commission's opinion is sought in the context of the present arrangements.

As this matter is now quite urgent, I look forward to receiving the Commission's assessment as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

P M Faulkner
Secretary