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Dear Ms Palisi

I refer to your letter dated 29 April 2008, regarding an application for authorisation A91088, lodged by the Australian Medical Association NSW Limited – interested party consultation. I note the content of the application by the Australian Medical Association NSW and the summary of the authorisation process.

The State of Queensland negotiates an unregistered agreement with doctors supplying services as Visiting Medical Officers to various Government Departments, to District Health Services and to the Mater Misericordiae Health Services Brisbane Limited. This agreement is the outcome of negotiations between the State (acting through the Department of Health, the Department of Corrective Services, and the Department of Communities) and Visiting Medical Officers who are represented by the Australian Medical Association Queensland as their agent.

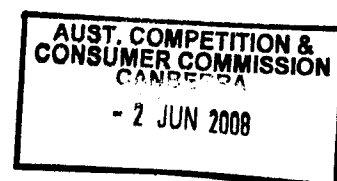
Queensland Health engages both employee Visiting Medical Officers and independent contract Visiting Medical Officers. The terms, conditions and remuneration of independent contract Visiting Medical Officers is based on the terms, conditions and remuneration of the *Terms and Conditions of Employment, Queensland Government Visiting Medical Officers 2005* (2005 VMO Agreement) which applies to employee Visiting Medical Officers.

As the arrangements in NSW relating to Visiting Medical Officers are quite different to those in place in Queensland, it is not appropriate to provide formal comment. I also note that the authorisation of Australian Medical Association NSW to collectively negotiate the terms and conditions of Visiting Medical Officers' contracts with NSW Health and public health organisations in NSW will have no effect on Queensland Health.

Should you require further information, Queensland Health's contact is Ms Janene Zillman, Senior Advisor, Workplace Relations Unit, Human Resources Branch, on telephone (07) 3234 0003.

Yours sincerely

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