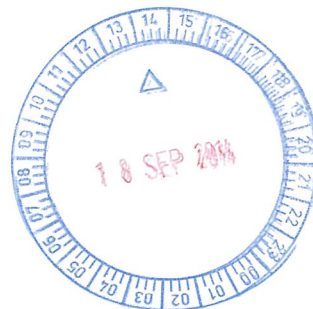




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Ms Lauren Mesiti
Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Inquiry into Patient Assisted Travel Scheme
Parliament House
Perth Western Australia 6000

Dear Ms Mesiti

Transcripts of Evidence, Supplementary and Further Information

I refer to your letter dated 5 September 2014 in which you provide copies of the transcripts of evidence (Kerry Winsor, Sue-Ann Wiseman and Kim Darby) for review and correction, request for supplementary information (A1, A2, A3) and your letters dated 27 August and 10 September 2014 seeking further information.

I enclose the hard copy transcript(s) of evidence with corrections marked up and signed.

In regards to Supplementary Information (A1, A2, and A3), I advise:

A1: Expenditure against the Patient Transport – PATS

- Expenditure: 2012-13 \$ 9299k
- Expenditure: 2013-14 \$ 8136.3k Reduction in expenditure: \$1163k

A2: Number of Claims:

Total:

- 2012-13 – 7,350
- 2013-14 – 9,512

PATS Budget

- 2012-13 \$7,967k
- 2013-14 \$8,829k

It is worth noting that the above is PATS as an OG&S line as such it does not include any associated staffing costs of our employees who manage the process.

List NGOs that support the access or interact with support, transportation of patients or support their journeys home.

- Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council; Broome Aboriginal Medical Service
- Boab Health
- Centacare
- Marra Worra Worra – Fitzroy Crossing based Aboriginal Organisation
- Nindilingarri – Fitzroy Crossing
- Department for Child Protection - Inclusive of Family and Disability Services.
- Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation - Derby

A3: *Number of claims for Darwin and Perth:*

Darwin

- 2013/14 – 199

Perth

- 2013/14 - 2869

Regarding your further request for information, in correspondence dated 27 August 2014 (PATs advice to public, Non English Speaking and Aboriginal people) and 10 September 2014 (luggage allowance), I advise:

PATs information to Public

- PATs information is made available to the public through the WACHS PATs pamphlets as well as the 'My Travelling Booklet' which is aimed at indigenous patients
- For non-English speaking patients, an interpreter is sourced, which we have done numerous times for a patient whom only speaks Turkish.
- The majority of people seeking information call the PATs office for advice, which PATs officers provide.

Luggage allowance

- Luggage – for those flights where luggage is not included in the fare, we buy a luggage allowance on behalf of the patient.

Should you require further information or clarification, please contact me on 08 9194 1615.

Yours sincerely



Kerry Winsor
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

16 September 2014

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