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Dear Ms Betjeman

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November 2004 and copy of the *Interim Report of the Standing Committee On Environment And Public Affairs In Relation To A Petition On The Provision Of Mental Health Services In Western Australia*.

As noted in the Report, the Government has recently announced a package of new mental health initiatives under *Western Australia's Mental Health Strategy 2004-2008*. These initiatives will address many of the issues raised in the Report including access to inpatient services, workforce issues, step down facilities, services for children and adolescents and supported accommodation.

Given the Government's commitment to improving mental health services throughout Western Australia, we are generally supportive of the two recommendations made in this Report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McGinty".

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