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Dear Mr Untersteiner

I write in relation to the funding determination for the 2024-25 financial year, as required under section 26A of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland) (National Law). As you are aware, the National Law requires consultation with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra), the National Boards, and the Health Ministers' Meeting prior to my approval of the final funding determination amount.

Thank you for your letter dated 5 September 2025, in relation to the determination of the amount to be paid by Ahpra for the complaints component of registration fees payable by Queensland's registered health practitioners for the 2024-25 financial year. I note the consultation feedback provided on behalf of Ahpra and the National Boards has endorsed the proposed funding determination amount of \$8,796,809.

Following completion of the consultation process, I confirm my decision that the total sum of the complaints component of registration fees payable by registered health practitioners in Queensland for the 2024-25 financial year is \$8,796,809.

I have enclosed a summary of the amounts payable by each of the National Boards. In accordance with the National Law, please ensure that the National Boards are notified of the required contributions and that you publish this decision as soon as practicable.

I note in your letter to the Director-General, Queensland Health on 30 May 2025, you advised that Ahpra has completed the annual funding reconciliation for the 2023-24 financial year, resulting in a variance of \$433,285 that Ahpra will pay to Queensland Health. I further note your advice that a single invoice consolidating the reconciliation and funding determination amount is requested. Therefore, an invoice totalling \$9,230,094 will be raised by Queensland Health to facilitate the payment of the 2023-24 financial year funding reconciliation amount (\$433,285) and the 2024-25 financial year funding determination (\$8,796,809). As part of its operational budget process, Queensland Health has already made payment to the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), which included provision for the estimated funding determination amount.

I understand that the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Ahpra, the OHO and Queensland Health, for the provision of complaint-handling activities undertaken by the OHO under section 26A of the National Law, was extended from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. As a party to the MOU, the extension was approved by the Director-General, Queensland Health, to enable the completion of the planned interim funding model review, and any necessary amendments to be made to the agreement. I also understand that the planned interim funding model review has now commenced.

The OHO Funding Review (2026) Committee will undertake a review of the interim funding model implemented from 2022-23 and provide me with advice on future funding arrangements for the OHO in relation to s26A of the National Law. I look forward to the advice on the outcomes from the review, and any required amendments to the MOU in due course.

Thank you for your contributions to the funding reconciliation and funding determination processes.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mrs Eliza Erickson, Director, Office of Health Statutory Agencies, System Policy Branch, System Policy and Planning Division, on telephone at 07 3708 5033, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Nicholls', with a stylized, cursive script.

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