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25 MAY 2017

Dear Mr Fletcher

As you are aware, section 26A of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law 2009 (Queensland)* (National Law) provides that, as the responsible Minister, I am to decide the amount of Queensland registrant fees to be paid to the Health Ombudsman for each financial year.

Prior to making my decision, the National Law also requires mandatory consultation with a number of entities, including the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. In this regard, I thank you for your response on behalf of Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the national boards to the consultation paper issued in relation to the proposed determination. I also note that the proposed decision issued for consultation was noted and/or approved by all members of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

I write to advise you that, consistent with the proposed determination sum that was consulted upon, I have decided that for the 2016-17 financial year, the total sum of the complaints component of registration fees payable by Queensland health practitioners is \$2.26 million. Enclosed is a summary of the sums attributable to each of the National Health Practitioner Boards, which you will recognise as being identical to that distributed with the consultation paper.

In accordance with the National Law, I would be grateful if you could ensure the National Health Practitioner Boards are notified of the required contributions and that you publish this decision at your earliest opportunity.

I reiterate the advice provided in the Director-General's letter to you dated 14 March 2017, that the Department of Health has made a payment to the Office of the Health Ombudsman, which included a component of \$2.26 million on account of this 2016-17 determination sum. In the circumstances, no actual transfer of funds is required on account of this determination.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for [REDACTED], Director, Office of Health Statutory Agencies, Department of Health, on telephone [REDACTED], to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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**CAMERON DICK MP**  
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

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**Appendix 1: Determination of Queensland Health Practitioner Registrant Fees to be paid by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency to the Queensland Health Ombudsman for financial year 2016-2017**

| Board                | Total Estimated Costs FY2016-17 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ATSIHP               | -                               |
| Chinese Medicine     | \$ 18,703                       |
| Chiropractor         | \$ 88,408                       |
| Dental               | \$ 150,669                      |
| Medical              | \$ 1,125,238                    |
| Medical Radiation    | \$ 18,961                       |
| Nursing & Midwifery  | \$ 648,108                      |
| Occupational Therapy | \$ 3,150                        |
| Optometry            | \$ 11,240                       |
| Osteopath            | \$ 1,570                        |
| Pharmacy             | \$ 89,415                       |
| Physiotherapy        | \$ 28,846                       |
| Podiatry             | \$ 3,665                        |
| Psychology           | \$ 72,068                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$ 2,260,041</b>             |