

Dear Honorable Lindsay Tanner, Federal Minister for Finance and Deregulation,

I attach a brief two page progress report on new reforms in the context of the April 2010 COAG meeting, given:

- further responses from Health Ministers and other stakeholders on my reform papers and recommendations that I prepared in 2008 and 2009 for the renegotiation of the National Health Care Agreements. You may be aware that my reform papers, that were considered by all States and Territories and the Federal Government, have been publicly released by the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) and the Federal Government.

- the consequences of my invited presentation at the December 2009 *National Hospital Performance Measurement Forum* which was well attended by the Federal Government and some State Governments. My new reform ideas, arising from my involvement in the recent National Forum, have been discussed with key public and private sector stakeholders during 2010 and new recommendations included in the attached brief that can now assist the Governments' new COAG reform agenda..

The attached progress report is also being forwarded today to all State Premiers and Chief Ministers, State/Territory and Federal Health Ministers, State/Territory and Federal Treasurers and Federal Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I trust the brief will be of assistance to you. With Best Wishes.

Kind Regards,

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