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Secretariat

Please find information requested of me by Senator Stoker at the Senate Hearing in Emerald (Regional Inequality) re Midwifery accreditation in Australia.

The following outline has been provided to me from CQHHS Safety and Quality Team.

Summary of the midwife accreditation process which is a Commonwealth-wide standard approach:

- Midwives are registered through the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Authority (AHPRA)
- Registration with AHPRA is a National standard for all midwives throughout Australia
- There is no separate accreditation applied to various states
- Midwives are eligible to apply to be admitted to the register following the successful completion of an approved program of study
- All programs of midwifery study have to be accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- A rigorous program of assessment is made for midwives who have gained their midwifery qualification overseas. Assessment is on an individual basis
- All midwives have to re-register each year with AHPRA an undertaking that they have met the continuing professional development and recency of practice requirements

Regards

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