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To: Committee, HAA (REPS)
Subject: FWD MA: Inquiry into Registration Process and Support for Overseas Trained Doctors [Scanned]

Dear Muz

As per my conversation with you, in 2006 I attended the Renal Clinic at Cairns Base Hospital to have a biopsy done by the Director of the Renal Clinic, Dr [Redacted]

To my horror, I learned that the results of my biopsy were not communicated to me through my GP. I remain completely in the dark about my condition and was treated accordingly on the basis that I did not have a serious condition relating to my kidneys. I was undertaking the normal tests 3 times a year. These tests too were referred to Dr. [Redacted] but again I had not communication from Dr [Redacted] alerting me to my deteriorating condition.

However, as it transpires, my biopsy and tests showed very serious signs, which if left untreated would ultimately lead to renal failure.

During a consultation in February 2006, Dr [Redacted] prescribed I take Coversyl 16mg. He was silent about the side effects of the medication, so I asked him. Upon being prompted, he explained that the tablets would make me dizzy. So I asked him whether there was an alternative which would not make me dizzy. He said "No". I never objected to taking the tablets, contrary to what the Dr wrote to my GP. Maybe this false impression of the Dr made him ignore my failing condition.

More recently, I was fortunate that I had throat surgery a couple of years ago. I say fortunately because my ENT Dr Jumeau personally intervened in relation to my kidney condition, prompted by the low blood count reading he received in preparation of my surgery. He wrote to Dr [Redacted] asking for him to see me urgently. But he has not received a courtesy of a response, nor have I!

My GP consistently sent me to pathology to do the tests, with the special request that the results be sent to Dr [Redacted] at the Renal Clinic, still no response!

The second last test that I did, my creatinine came to 404. My GP in front of me and his secretary, faxed an urgent request with all the tests to the Renal Clinic to see me urgently. Still no response!

Through a friend of mine, with his generosity, paid my fair to go to Brisbane to see a specialist. I am a pensioner and could not afford this. While I was waiting to go to Brisbane, I kept ringing the renal department. They kept saying that they had not received anything from my GP. It was not until 4 days before I left for Brisbane that I got a call from the Renal Department saying - "we have made you priority No. 1".

After coming back from Brisbane, I went to the Renal Department, where I was consulted by Dr [Redacted]. He was excellent and obviously knew what he was doing. He did appropriate tests, prescribed vitamins and medication. He was horrified when I told him that no one had treated me like this before, and I was not properly treated at all. I certainly never had this treatment from Dr [Redacted].

I implore you, please look into my case. I am concerned that I have not been given an opportunity by Dr [Redacted] to receive proper treatment earlier.

I ask that I be given an opportunity to appear before your inquiry.

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