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Dear Dr Day

Further to the correspondence sent to you on 1 February I am pleased to provide the AMA with further details to the questions asked in the lead up to the election. This letter is to be read in conjunction with our health policy, Putting Patients First, that was previously provided and is also available to read on our website, puttingpeoplefirst.org.au.

1. (a-d) Please see page 21-23

(e) Please see page 24 onwards

(f-g) Please see page 3, 5 as well as page 18 onwards where the policy identifies opportunities for continuous improvement, improved integration and communication between primary and acute health providers and plans for infrastructure upgrades to create health precincts that help co-locate services that support patients access acute, primary, community and wellness and builds collegiality across professions.

2. (a-c) Please see page 18

(d) Please see page 3

3. (a-c) Please see page 9, 10, 13-17

4. (a-d) Please see page 12. Labor is willing to work with the sector and medical workforce to understand how the governance structure can be improved. Labor has also committed to a Health in All Policies approach so that there is better integration across all agencies to improve health outcomes and reduce silos.

5. (a-c) Please see page 21-23

6. (a-b) Please see page 29. Labor is committed to de-normalising smoking in Tasmania as evidenced by the legislative reform progressed during our period of Government and leading the debate on regulation of e-cigarettes during the past

four years, resulting in tighter restrictions. We remain committed to the task of de-normalising smoking and will continue to pursue incremental change which has proven to be the most effective method of shifting behaviour.

7. (a-b) Please see page 7-8, 21-23
8. (a-b) Please see page 12
9. (a-b) There has been chronic underfunding of health by the Tasmanian Liberal Government. The Commonwealth Grants Commission clearly demonstrates in published figures that health funding currently represents only 58.9% of the state's GST receipts, whereas in 2012-13, health funding was 72.5% of GST receipts. Despite the Tasmanian Liberal Government receiving more GST funding over the past four years, they have spent less on health than the previous Labor government as a percentage of total GST revenue. Labor will rectify this wrong and has made it clear that health is our number one priority.
10. (a-b) Please see page 19. Labor will progress an EOI for private providers to indicate their interest in constructing a co-located private hospital adjacent to the LGH. A suitable site will be determined following an audit by Government of available land and buildings and mapping a precinct plan so that future expansion opportunities can be planned for, including car parking. Labor wants to drive the process so we can ensure the successful proponent delivers a project that integrates with the LGH for both service mix and design.
11. (a) From the discussions I have had with the AMA regarding this matter I find it warrants serious consideration and if we are fortunate to win Government Labor will undertake the work required to assess how such a change could be given effect.

Thank you again for your engagement on health and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Kind regards

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Enc: Putting Patients First – A Better Health System Action Plan.