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Dear Mr O'Dempsey

I refer to your letter of 10 April 2003 about issues relating to Overseas Trained Doctors (OTDs) and Area of Need registration.

I am pleased to advise that a stakeholder working party has been established and is now active. It includes representation from Queensland Health (the Principal Medical Adviser), AMAO, Department of Immigration, Indigenous and Multicultural Affairs, the State office of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and the Medical Board of Queensland.

The working party will harness inter-agency cooperation to develop solutions for the range of workforce and professional issues relating to the use of OTDs in Queensland.



I look forward to the ongoing participation of the Medical Board in this process.

Yours sincerely

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