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Dear Dr Buckland

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 June 2003 advising that a stakeholder working party has been established to consider issues relating to overseas trained doctors (OTDs).

The Board considered this correspondence at its meeting on 8 July 2003 and noted the representation on the working party. Concern was expressed that the Postgraduate Medical Education Foundation of Queensland was not included.

The Board considers that the Foundation has an integral role in the assessment of junior doctors, including OTDs, particularly as there is a link between accreditation and the placement of OTDs within the accreditation review process. Also, as the accreditation standards require supervision of junior doctors to be provided by general registrants, the issue of OTDs supervising junior doctors has been raised.

Your support in including the Postgraduate Medical Education Foundation of Queensland on the stakeholder working party would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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