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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2059-13, tabled in Parliament on 20 August 2013, in relation to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

I announced on 24 July 2013, during the course of an Estimates Hearing, that the Government had received and assessed the Business Case prepared by KPMG which had examined options for the contestability of services at Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital (SCPUH) to non government service providers.

As a result of the Business Case, I also announced a decision to go to the market place in a structured way to formally identify and evaluate what appetite and capacity exists for non government services providers to deliver services at SCPUH.

This is consistent with the Government's commitment, as outlined in its *Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland*, that public sector health services will be exposed to competition, to ensure more cost effective and innovative ways to deliver hospital services.

In my statement, I also made it clear that the process would involve firstly the calling of an Expression of Interest for the full outsourcing of all services (clinical and non clinical) at SCPUH. I also advised that if the process does not produce a satisfactory outcome, the Government will revert back to a service delivery model with clinical services being provided by staff of the Health Service.

The announcement is another forward step in the decision making process that will determine the final service delivery provider mix at SCPUH. It is not in itself a decision to outsource.

Regardless of the outcome of this process, the SCPUH will deliver free public hospital services, with the costs being funded by Government.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



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