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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliamentary Service George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2020-12, tabled in Parliament on 27 November 2012, in relation to the requirement for a Palliative Care Unit in Maryborough.

Whilst there are currently no plans to establish a dedicated Palliative Care Unit at Maryborough Hospital, Queensland Health will continue to offer palliative care services to patients through existing resources.

Unfortunately as Minister for Health, I am unable to direct private organisations on how they utilise their facilities and as such, I would encourage the petitioners to contact St Stephens Private Hospital, Maryborough directly to outline their request.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP Minister for Health