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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November 2006, regarding petition number 733-06 in support of the Coalition to investigate the persecution of Falun Gong to investigate forced organ harvesting allegations and the illegal detention of Falun Gong practitioners in detention centres, labour camps, prisons and hospitals in China.

I am aware of the allegations of organ harvesting by the Chinese Government from Falun Gong practitioners, and thank the petitioners for alerting me to their concerns. There is one issue in the petition which I can respond to – that of participation by Queensland medical organisations in Government of China sponsored organ transplant research.

Queensland's two major transplant hospitals, The Prince Charles Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital, are both aware of the allegations made about Chinese organ transplantation practices. I am pleased to inform you that The Prince Charles Hospital have a policy of not training any Chinese surgeon in any transplant surgical technique. Similarly, the Princess Alexandra Hospital does not undertake any sponsored organ transplant research or training with China.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Karen Ryan, Acting Manager, Policy and Legislation Branch, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3234 0852.

Yours sincerely

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