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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I write in response to petition number 4323-25, tabled in Parliament on 10 February 2026, in relation to reviewing fees and charges for returning patient to receive test results.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to ensuring that all Queenslanders can access health services when they need them. I recognise the impact that high out-of-pocket costs can have on individuals and families, and I thank the petitioners for raising this important matter.

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for primary health care services, including general practice (GP) services.

I note Prime Minister Anthony Albanese promised that when accessing primary health care services, "... you don't need to put it on your credit card. All you need is your Medicare Card."¹ The Prime Minister repeated this promise dozens of times. Unfortunately, we know that this is simply not the case for many Queenslanders who struggle to access affordable and timely GP services.

The Crisafulli Government is continuing to advocate for the Commonwealth Government to further invest in primary health care services, including GPs.

Should the petitioners wish to raise this matter directly with the Commonwealth Government, I encourage them to contact the Honourable Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Ageing, at minister.butler@health.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls MP
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¹ Australian Labor Party, *Strengthening Medicare* (Speech, 23 February 2025) <https://alp.org.au/news/prime-minister-anthony-albanese-strengthening-medicare/>.