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Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Amendment Regulation 2012 (No.1) [F2012L02399]

Dear Sir/Madam

On 7 February 2013 the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Senator Mark Furner requested the Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP to provide information on the nature of any consultation that had been carried out, and if there was no consultation, to explain why none was undertaken.

Senator Furner expressed concern that the original accompanying Explanatory Statement to this amendment did not provide sufficient detail on the nature of consultations undertaken, or provide an explanation of why consultations were not undertaken. The Explanatory Statement was tabled on 5 February 2012.

On 3 March 2013 Minister Plibersek responded to Senator Furner and advised that relevant Explanatory Statement would be updated according to the requirement of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* and re-submitted through the necessary process.

In view of this, we would appreciate if your Office could table the attached Explanatory Statements in substitution for the original Explanatory Statements that were previously tabled.

Yours sincerely

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