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Dear

**National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Regulation 2013 (No. 1)
[F2013L00650]**

On 16 May 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 further information in the Explanatory Statement (ES) about the nature of consultation undertaken for the Regulation mentioned above.

Senator Furner advised of the Committee's concern that the original accompanying ES to the amending Regulation did not provide sufficient detail on the nature of consultation undertaken. The ES was tabled on 14 May 2013.

On 14 June 2013 Minister Plibersek responded to Senator Furner and advised that the ES would be updated according to the requirements 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 ES in substitute for the original ES that was previously tabled.

Yours sincerely,

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