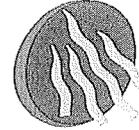




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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2008, regarding Petition number 849-07 in relation to the Flying Obstetric and Gynaecology service based in Roma.

As the petition indicates, my Department undertook a review of the Flying Surgical service in March 2007. This review was completed in August 2007 and the final report considered by the Executive Management Team of Queensland Health on 17 September 2007. The review identified significant opportunities to improve not only these services but other services to rural Queensland.

Due to the complex nature of providing specialist services to rural communities, the Department has gained the assistance of a highly experienced specialist in rural service design to develop a model for these services that meets current and future needs of rural and remote Queensland. Delivering safe and quality health services to rural Queensland is a high priority for Queensland Health and I would like to assure the Parliament that a model will be developed that ensures maximum benefit is obtained from these valuable resources. I expect the work on the model for these services will be completed by the end of May 2008.

I would like to assure you that while this new service is being designed all current services will continue as they are so that rural communities are not disadvantaged as a result of this work.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Anita Hansen, Rural Health Coordinator, Southern Area Health Service, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3895 3207.

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