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Dear Dr Yim and Dr Dale

Thank you for your letter dated 15 August 2024, in relation to registration fees for health practitioners on parental leave.

I acknowledge the impact of paying full registration fees on health practitioners taking parental leave. The Miles Government is committed to taking action to address the gender pay gap. This is evidenced in our recent changes to the law to allow 10 days reproductive leave and superannuation contributions to be paid on parental leave.

It is initiatives like the one you have proposed that will continue to see Queensland accelerate our efforts towards pay equity for women.

I can confirm this matter was on the agenda at the Health Ministers' Meeting on 16 August 2024. Health Ministers discussed with Mr Martin Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, options to make registration more affordable for health practitioners on parental leave.

I am advised that the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency is reviewing its registration fee arrangements for registered health practitioners taking periods of parental leave and have agreed to report back to Health Ministers as a priority.

Thank you again for writing to me. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for [REDACTED], Director, Medical Advisory and Prevocational Accreditation Unit, Department of Health, on telephone [REDACTED], to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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