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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF AMA, TASMANIA BRANCH VMO EBA of YOUR VOICE – SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS

While it might have felt like ‘radio silence’ these past couple of weeks, the explanation for our delay between update editions is multi-factorial. Since we met with the Acting Secretary at AMA House to explain our doctor mandate and EBA claim, there has been a budget handed down and a major cabinet reshuffle, including the appointment of a new Health Minister. These events combined with normal government processes of reviewing our log of claims has meant the progression has been slow. However, we can assure you the wheels are turning. There have been several senior officer-level conversations to ensure we are moving forward. As a result, the next steps are:

- We are anticipating receiving **correspondence shortly** that will outline the government’s thinking in response to us.
- We **will meet** with the government’s negotiating team on **6 November** to discuss options that arise from the correspondence.
- Having crystallised both parties’ current positions, we will convene the VMP/RMP Member Bargaining Consultative Committee, including our State AMA President, to consider our current situation and make recommendations.
- Doctors will then receive advice and information from the AMA, which will allow members to **have a say** in what we may do next.

Look out for Update 5, due out the week beginning 11 November.

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