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Dear Dr Goodall

### **Medicines Management**

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2019 which was discussed in the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 6 January.

The Committee was pleased to note the positive developments referenced in your letter and that progress was continuing in implementing the final recommendations contained in the Committee's Report. Members noted that a further update, on completion of these initiatives, will be submitted later in the year.

However, I am aware that you have not addressed some wider issues that Nick Ramsay AM raised in previous correspondence with you dated 19 July 2018, which he reminded you about in February last year, requesting that they be included in your most recent response.

Specifically, the Committee had an expectation of more progress being made in the following areas (in addition to the electronic prescribing system already mentioned in previous correspondence):

- Initiatives to improve repeat prescribing and reducing waste;
- Improving medicines storage, noting that the updated guidance that was promised has not yet been issued;
- Evidence that positive work to identify indicators of cost and quality improvements is driving actual improvements on the ground.



I would like to request that the issues I have raised in this letter are addressed as soon as possible and in advance of your next scheduled update.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Millar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Darren Millar AM  
Chair (Temporary)

