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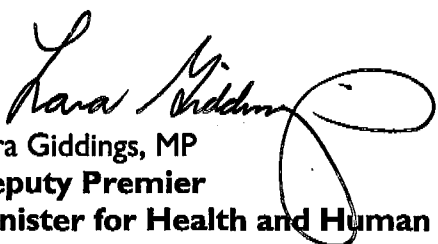
Dear Mr Bonning and Ms Ambrose

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2008 regarding intern training capacity in Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to providing adequate intern positions for Tasmanian (HECS funded) medical graduates. My Department is involved in careful planning and monitoring of intern training requirements now and into the future and has established a working group to provide advice on the projected need for additional accredited intern positions in Tasmania over the coming years. The working group led by Dr David Boadle, Chief Medical Officer, will meet again in September of this year to assess the forward projections for accredited intern positions in Tasmania. It is the intention of the working group to consult with all key stakeholders, including the Tasmanian University Medical Students' Association, in making recommendations for future intern training requirements. It is anticipated that the specific questions raised by you in your letter will be addressed through this consultation process. A representative from my Department will be in contact with you in September to arrange a suitable meeting time to discuss these issues.

Thank you once again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely


Lara Giddings, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Health and Human Services