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Commissioner Anthony Morris
Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Commissioner Morris

I am writing to seek your advice regarding Queensland Health staff availability during the Bundaberg Commission of Inquiry proceedings.

Queensland Health staff undertake overseas travel in the main for the purposes of clinical education. In accordance with the Queensland Government policy on air travel I am required to approve all overseas travel. Last financial year there were 498 overseas trips recorded whilst the volume of applications can vary from week to week.

I am concerned that I may inadvertently inconvenience the Commission by approving for example, overseas travel for a doctor accessing award entitlements for travel when this doctor may be required by the Commission.

I will consider the temporary cessation of all elective overseas travel for Queensland Health staff, however I seek you advice as to the necessity of this action or indeed any other suggested process in regards to the approval of overseas travel.

Yours sincerely

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