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Hon Geoffrey Davies AO  
Commissioner  
Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry  
Level 9, Brisbane Magistrates Court  
363 George Street  
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Dear Geoff

I wanted to formerly advise you that the Government announced last Saturday 24 September 2005, that Hospital Performance Reports will in future be published annually, and to ensure that this occurs the Government will be enshrining this requirement in legislation.

The *Public Health Bill* 2005 currently before State Parliament will be amended, making it mandatory for the State Government to publish the Hospital Performance Reports each year.

Hospital Performance Reports were designed to make the public hospital system more effective, and to improve the quality of patient care. The initial performance reports were intended to be used internally as a management tool, so that hospital administrators and medical practitioners could utilise them in a blame free environment. This had never been done in Australia before.

With that system now operational, and as hospital data becomes more comprehensive and reliable, I believe there is no reason why reports should not be released publicly on an annual basis to keep Queenslanders fully informed.

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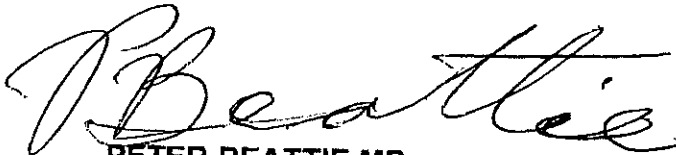
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In future therefore, there will be an annual "State of Queensland Health" Report.

The Forster Report will be released this week, and it is certain that further measures will be taken to ensure greater transparency and accountability by Queensland Health. The next set of data for the Measured Quality Reports is currently being processed, and should be ready for release by the end of 2005.

Given the issues currently before your inquiry, I felt it important to advise you of the Government's decision in relation to the publication of Hospital Performance Reports, and I will forward you more detailed information on the proposed amendments to the Public Health Bill 2005, and on any related decisions of the Government, in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Beattie', written in a cursive style.

**PETER BEATTIE MP  
PREMIER AND TREASURER**