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Dear Ms Boyd

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2013 about the Medicines Amendment Bill. I am responding as the issues you raise fall within my responsibilities as Associate Minister of Health. I have also replied to Professor Jenny Carryer, Ms Marion Guy and Ms Kerri Nuku directly.

I agree that extending Nurse Practitioners' prescribing rights as authorised prescribers under the Bill has the potential to improve health outcomes for patients. As you are aware, the Bill is currently awaiting its third reading in the House. The Ministry of Health is preparing to apply the provisions of the Bill should it be passed. I have agreed to ask Parliament to consider the Bill soon, so that the prescribing amendments will come into force by 1 July 2014.

Yours sincerely

Hon Todd McClay
Associate Minister of Health