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Ms Kate Gilbert
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Dear Kate

Thank you for your call this morning, and for the copy of the draft Statement of Issues affecting Australians with Type 1 Diabetes. I apologise for not being able to talk with you in detail at the time. I called you back and left a message and given that you indicated in the message that you are often travelling, and as an alternative people wanting to communicate with you could use e-mail.

The draft statement is comprehensive and outlines the issues that the Network wants to progress. I note that you are putting forward proposals which cover a variety of settings across the care continuum. It is pleasing to see that the Network has a focus on holistic care.

With respect to the launch of the statement on Friday, I have been informed that neither the Minister or a representative from the Ministerial Office will be able to attend.

The Department of Health and Ageing is has a strong focus on diabetes prevention, management and research. Included in the support given to diabetes is over \$30 million allocated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to establish an Islet Cell Transplantation Program, and around \$667 million up to June 2011 for the National Diabetes Services Scheme.

Following the endorsement of the statement by organisations in your network you may wish to contact me again to talk further about the issues and solutions you have outlined in the draft statement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

regards

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