



Health

Dr Tom Karplus
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(Attention: Mr Bob Morgan)

Dear Dr Karplus

Re: Staff Specialist Emergency Physician Allowance

I refer to your letter dated 8 December 2016 addressed to the Secretary about the payment of the Staff Specialist Emergency Physician Allowance.

As your letter notes, the relevant Policy Directive, PD2016_006 *Staff Specialist Emergency Physicians - Remuneration Arrangements for the period to June 2017*, describes the allowance as being for all purposes. The Policy Directive obviously needs to be considered in full, and it also specifies that the allowance is payable upon written confirmation that the conditions for payment have been met for each period in respect of which the allowance is claimed.

However, the Ministry position is that absences by a staff specialist emergency physician for any period of leave should not be a barrier to receipt of the allowance.

Please advise the Ministry if you wish to meet to discuss this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annie Owens".

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