



**The Hon Mark Butler MP  
Minister for Health and Aged Care**

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Mr David Tune AO PSM  
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Dear Mr Tune *David*

As you are aware, when the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (Pricing Authority) recommended that the 2023-24 Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) price should be \$243.10 it did not have information about the full effect of the 2023-24 Annual Wage Review (AWR) (an increase of 5.75%).

I write to request the Pricing Authority provide supplementary 2023-24 residential aged pricing advice to Government to account for the effect of the 2023-24 AWR increase on the AN-ACC price.

In addition, I ask that the Pricing Authority provide advice on the impact of the AWR increase on the gap in funding for hotelling services identified by the Pricing Authority in its 2023-24 residential aged care pricing advice to Government.

Ideally, this advice would be provided no later than 30 August 2023, to enable Government to respond to it within an appropriate timeframe.

Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

*03/08/2023*

cc: The Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Aged Care and for Sport  
The Hon Ged Kearney MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care