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1 THE COMMISSIONER: Good morning. 2 Commissioner, the last witness for this 3 MR MUSTON: 4 hearing block is Philip Minns, and he is in the box. 5 <PHILIP GREGORY MINNS, sworn:</pre> 6 [10am] 7 8 <EXAMINATION BY MR MUSTON: 9 10 MR MUSTON: Q. Mr Minns, could you state your full name for the record, please? 11 Philip Gregory Minns. 12 Α. 13 You are the deputy secretary people, culture and 14 Q. governance at NSW Health? 15 16 Α. That's correct. 17 18 Q. How long have you held that role? I started on 6 November 2017. 19 Α. 20 21 Q. You've prepared three statements to assist the Inquiry 22 with its work, the first dated 9 April 2024, another of 7 June 2024, and finally, 17 July 2024. Do you have copies 23 of those statements with vou? 24 I don't have the first statement with me. 25 Α. 26 THE COMMISSIONER: So I'll just ask someone 27 Neither do I. 28 I forgot that. to get that one. 29 It doesn't matter. You can, but I don't 30 MR MUSTON: 31 intend to take Mr Minns to that statement. It is the 32 second and third which are of greater relevance for the present hearing block. 33 34 35 Have you had an opportunity to read the second and Q. 36 third statements before giving your evidence today? I have. 37 Α. 38 You're comfortable that their contents are, to the 39 Q. 40 best of your knowledge and recollection, true and correct? 41 Α. I am. 42 MR MUSTON: 43 In due course, Commissioner, they'll form part 44 of the tender. 45 46 Q. Can I start by --47

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Is there a correction to paragraph 37 2 of one, or has that been made? 3 4 MR MUSTON: I'm sorry. 5 THE WITNESS: There is, Commissioner. 6 7 8 MR MUSTON: We had better deal with that. Q. 9 Α. When I was reviewing my statement, I noticed that the 10 table that preceded paragraph - it's got here 36 but I actual think it's 37. 11 12 The table which is headed "Staff Retention Rate"? 13 Q. 14 That's right. So I reviewed that table, and I noticed Α. that the paragraph, which I think is on the following page, 15 16 was slightly inaccurate, and so what it should say is: 17 18 Nursing and allied health permanent staff 19 retention continues to improve. The 20 retention of permanent nurses has increased 21 from 92.6 in 2023 to 93.6 in 2024, to be 22 broadly in line with pre-COVID retention levels. 23 24 25 Q. Other than that correction, you're satisfied that your statement is true and correct? 26 Yes, I am. 27 Α. 28 29 Q. Thank you for that. I want to start by just raising with you an issue that's been touched on by a number of 30 31 witnesses who've been called during this hearing block, 32 including those from industrial organisations and ministry 33 witnesses, the effect of which is to say that the awards 34 which govern employment in NSW Health are largely outdated. I gather that's a view that you share? 35 36 Α. I do share that view. 37 What about the VMO determination? Is it also in need 38 Q. 39 of updating? 40 Α. Well, updating, yes, and that is the view of the AMA, 41 but it's not as aged as, say, the medical staff awards which date back to the 1980s. So there's been a more 42 43 recent adjustment to the VMO arrangement. 44 45 Q. And dealing with the medical staff awards first, is it 46 the case that they don't really reflect the contemporary realities of running a public health system in New South 47

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1 Wales? 2 Α. That is the case, and it's most principally about the 3 need for out-of-standard-hours work. Historically, our 4 health system, and pretty much health systems all over the 5 world, have relied upon junior doctors in training being the people who are called out or are working outside of 6 7 normal hours, and there's been a lot of change in sentiment 8 around that practice for junior doctors, both in New South 9 Wales, Australia, and in many other countries in the last 10 decade. 11 12 Q. To sort of unpack that a little bit, the historical practice was for staff specialists who are fellows or 13 14 accredited specialists to be delivering care through the 15 day, 8 till 5, and --16 And doing their rounds with the doctors in training. Α. 17 18 And during the evenings the care was historically Q. 19 delivered by junior medical officers who had some capacity 20 to phone a friend in the event that they needed to, but 21 otherwise bore the predominant brunt of providing medical 22 care outside of those traditional working hours? 23 Α. And if the junior doctor on a non-daily shift was not 24 a registrar, their first port of call, as I understand it, would normally be to call the relevant registrar, and the 25 26 registrar would often determine if they felt they needed to 27 speak to the consultant, the specialist. 28 29 Q. In that, as part of that historical practice, the relevant registrar was one of the junior medical officer 30 31 workforce, albeit a little bit more senior, which was under 32 the arrangements providing care around the clock and 33 outside of those ordinary working hours? 34 So the registrar would be historically, and this Α. Yes. is a point of recent change, a doctor with three years' 35 36 experience in the public health system, and their registrar 37 status is conferred by the fact that they're an accredited trainee in a college specialty program. 38 39 40 Q. You mentioned the way in which the junior medical 41 officer workforce view that arrangement has shifted in 42 recent times. Has there also been a shift in the 43 complexity and the way in which medicine is delivered, 44 which means that not only from the perspective of the 45 expectation of junior doctors, but also just as a matter of 46 practical reality, more senior doctors need to be involved in the delivery of care to a far greater extent outside of 47

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1 those traditional working hours? 2 Noting that I'm not a clinician, but that's what Α. clinical colleagues, you know, both at LHD level and the 3 4 exec level, have advised me. I think it's about, as 5 I understand it, the increase in specialty and sub-specialty procedures; the fact that there are more 6 7 treatment opportunities and lifesaving opportunities 8 available now; and obviously our community expects that 9 they should have access to those. So that's a driver in 10 the way that you've described. 11 12 And is the practical consequence of that, at least in Q. 13 relation to staff specialists, that what is built in to 14 their existing award as a reasonable on-call allowance has potentially been stretched in a way that what might once, 15 16 at the time of the award, have been seen as the realities 17 of being on call, now really has morphed into on call being 18 part of the delivery of 24-hour care in a far more 19 substantive way? Look, I think broadly, yes. 20 I think I would go to my Α. 21 team to say, "How consistently similar is that practice?" 22 So it's going to be the case for certain disciplines and specialties but not for all, and, you know, if Ms Collins 23 24 was here, she could probably rattle off a list for you where it's not very common that there's an out-of-hours 25 26 requirement for senior medical staff. 27 28 So just to pick an easy example, an intensivist might Q. 29 have out-of-hours obligations in caring for people who are in intensive care which would be, at a practical level, far 30 31 more burdensome, say, than the likely out-of-hours care 32 required of a dermatologist? 33 Α. Of a? 34 35 Q. Dermatologist? 36 Α. Yes, that's a good example. 37 But the existing award structure is such that it's not 38 Q. 39 easy to tease out amongst those different areas of 40 specialisation what is and isn't reasonably required and 41 the way in which what is reasonably required is dealt with under the award assumes, effectively, that they're all the 42 43 same? 44 Yes, and there's a presumption in the award that it's Α. a salaried award, so there's an onerous hours clause within 45 46 the award which at times is invoked, and there's also in 47 the secretary's determination an allowance - I hesitate to

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1 give you the percentage because it's fuzzy, but I think 2 it's 17 per cent, and that is a - I don't know the date 3 that that was introduced but it's a response to this issue 4 of the changing work requirements and the lack of 5 out-of-hours work recognition through remuneration. 6 7 We've heard from the AMA, at least in relation to the Q. 8 VMO determination, that one area in which it's said that it 9 has not adapted or not yet been adapted is the virtual 10 delivery of health care and the virtual participation in Before we come to that, can I ask, 11 meetings and the like. 12 is that also a feature of the awards - that is to say, is 13 that something which is not well picked up by the existing 14 awards or is not so much a problem in that area? I will confine my answer to junior doctors because, as 15 Α. 16 part of the settlement of the ASMOF prosecution for award 17 breach, we have recently agreed to adjust upwards the on-call arrangements and the - I think it's both holding 18 19 yourself on call and being called. We've adjusted that up 20 considerably as part of that settlement arrangement. I'd 21 need to ask Ms Collins about the detail of the senior 22 medical award. 23 Coming back to the VMO determination, do you have Q. 24 a sense that that's an aspect of the VMO determination 25 which has perhaps failed to keep up with the greatly 26 expanded use of virtual health care and virtual attendance 27 28 at meetings and the like? 29 Α. I'd say it's entirely possible without being expert in that particular issue. 30 31 32 The other issue that you touched on in your statement, Q. 33 and a number of other witnesses have addressed with us, is 34 the fact or the suggestion that the awards currently in 35 place contemplate wages and salaries which are a bit out of 36 step with those which are available in other jurisdictions? That's the position that we've evolved to nationally. 37 Α. I would like to add a little bit of information in this 38 39 context. 40

41 Q. Please do.

A. I went back and I asked the finance team to pull out
inflation for the March quarter because that was when
I asked it to be done, and in eight of the years from 2012
to 2024, the 2.5 per cent standard wage increase that was
available exceeded that inflation rate, sometimes by
a factor of 1.5 per cent. So, you know, for eight of the

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1 2 3 4	years of the cap arrangement, you could pretty much say that public sector workforce did relatively well compared to the national inflation rate.
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	That obviously changes in the last three years - I think it's about 7.1 per cent; and there was one year where they were equal, they were both at 2.5 per cent. But, you know, the reality is those movements in other states happened even though the national inflation rate was not particularly high, and they were decisions of those jurisdictions.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Q. So is the point there that there are two things that have driven the disparity between wages and salaries for health workers in New South Wales on the one hand and those in other jurisdictions on the other: the first being the cap on public sector wage increases which contributed to it, and particularly in the last few years to the extent that those wage increases might not have kept up with inflation? Say it out loud for the benefit A. Yes, yes.
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Q. And the second being that, in the uncapped environments that prevailed in other jurisdictions, they were providing wage increases along the way that were not only in excess of those - not only in excess of inflation but also in excess of those which had been offered in New South Wales? A. Yes, and they tended to roll around at the point of the election cycle.
32 33 34 35 36 37 38	THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Inflation's not the only guide point, though, is it? I mean, people in the public sector workforce and the medical workforce might also be looking at the rate at which property prices are going up in Sydney or New South Wales as a guidepost, as much as inflation. A. Certainly. I would agree, Commissioner.
39 40 41 42 43 44 45	MR MUSTON: Q. The other point of disparity between the salaries and wages available in - salaries for medical staff, at least, available in the public system, and other medical professionals, is the remuneration which is available to them if they work in the private sector? A. (Witness nods).
45 46 47	Q. And there is an increasing gulf between what, at least in some areas of specialisation, a doctor can earn in the

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1 private sector, as compared with what's available in the 2 public sector? 3 I think that's broadly correct but we are aware of the Α. 4 fact that rates of private health insurance are in decline, and so that's possibly having a trend effect on the scope 5 of possible earnings in the private health system. 6 7 8 In terms of that disparity, though, is there some Q. 9 sense to which the setting of wages and salaries within the 10 public health system needs to take into account what's available in the private sector, not necessarily to match 11 12 it, but to try and strike a balance which means the gulf is 13 not so large that it disincentivises a large proportion of 14 people from participating in the public sector? 15 Α. I think we probably have measures to try and address 16 So the fact that we have in the order of 6,000 that. 17 visiting medical officers, that's generally driven by the choice of the clinician, that's how they prefer to work, so 18 19 that offers them the scope to work in both systems. And 20 the fact that we have the rights to private practice 21 arrangements, which I think Ms Collins is the only person 22 who completely understands those arrangements - the fact 23 that we have those, I think is an attempt to try and 24 address the issue. Because it gives the staff specialists 25 the capacity to generate remuneration from private patient 26 revenue that they contribute to the public hospital. 27 28 We've heard conflicting evidence about the merits of Q. 29 having a large VMO component of the medical workforce in New South Wales. Some industrial organisations take the 30 31 view that it's not a great strength; another industrial 32 organisation that represents the visiting medical officers 33 has expressed the view that it is a great strength. What's 34 your view? 35 Α. I think our view is that, by dint of history, we 36 couldn't run particularly some of our regional hub facilities, hospitals, if we did not have that VMO 37 So, you know, I understand that the other 38 workforce. states evolved differently, and in preparation for this 39 40 I really only became aware or reacquainted with an idea 41 that I might have once heard that, originally, VMOs were not even paid, they were honorary positions, you know, so 42 they worked in their rooms but they worked in the public 43 44 health system to try and train the future workforce. 45 46 Now, that arrangement changed somewhere I think in the '70s, or maybe the '60s, but we need those 6,000 VMOs in 47

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1 New South Wales and it would be very difficult in regional 2 hospital environments if we didn't have access to them. 3 4 Q. Does it help to bridge that gap or overcome some of 5 the problems caused by the gap between remuneration available in the public and private sector, in the sense 6 7 that you can enable people to dip in and out of both and 8 create an income at a level that they are comfortable with, 9 whilst still providing a level of care within the public 10 health sector? 11 Α. I would guess that that's the particular view of 12 people who wish to work as a VMO and the view of the AMA. 13 and it's particularly the case for some specialty groups 14 and the one that comes to mind is anaesthetics. 15 16 Q. In terms of anaesthetics, we have heard some evidence, 17 from the anaesthetists, from memory, about a shift in relatively recent times from a reasonable-sized staff 18 19 specialist anaesthetic workforce into what is now 20 predominantly a VMO-based workforce. Do you have a sense 21 of what the cause of that is? 22 Well, I think it is people making personal choices, Α. and they make those choices, in the context of your own 23 24 remarks in your last question about, you know, "What works "How do I get the best remunerative outcome 25 for me?" that's available?" I think that's why they make that 26 27 choice. 28 29 Q. One of the suggestions that has been put to us is that the catch-up work for surgery which happened post COVID, so 30 31 the need to try and reduce the waiting lists for elective 32 surgery post COVID, saw a substantial amount of that work 33 being done in the private sector and that the remuneration 34 available to anaesthetists in the private sector was, to do 35 that same work, superior to that which was available to 36 them in the public sector. Do you have a view on whether 37 that's right or wrong? You may not, but --I think I'd be a bit sceptical that it's that much of 38 Α. 39 a linear relationship. My memory of that time was that 40 there was in the order of 300 plus million in COVID-related 41 funding to go after that waiting list issue, and the 42 300 million was about purchasing activity however you could, in whatever way you could, and because of capacity 43 44 issues in theatres in public hospitals, private hospitals 45 became, you know, an obvious way of trying to do the work. 46 47 The arrangements by which LHDs outsourced that surgery

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work to a private institution, a private hospital, they 1 2 were the subject of local negotiation and they relied 3 sometimes on historical custom and practice. So if there 4 was an historical agreement that they were to be paid at 5 a rate of X and had some kind of percentage alignment to the AMA rates that they publish, then that's probably what 6 7 flowed in the COVID period. But we did not universally as 8 a system promote that outsourced work at elevated fees. 9 Where we thought we could get it done in a comparative pay 10 to the staff specialist arrangement, we sought to hold on 11 to that. 12

Q. And that's a time-limited issue, presumably, once we're through COVID and the waiting list starts to get down to a point where it's closer to what we're all accustomed to be seeing and KPIs require, presumably the outsourcing of that work falls away?

Well, we managed to get the backlog down. 18 Α. I won't 19 remember the month and the year, but I'll reference it to 20 We got it into shape again relatively quickly COVID waves. 21 after the initial COVID wave. Then, of course, it blew out 22 again as we suffered a further need to curtail elective surgery as a result of the Delta wave, and then there's 23 24 been - I won't get the name right, but there's been a task force in the last year that has again got elective surgery 25 26 I think down to a number below 2,500 on the waiting list. 27 So, you know, the sort of not high waiting list in elective 28 surgery is an all-government objective. It doesn't matter 29 which government of the day; they all seek to have that position maintained. 30

I guess if you're an LHD chief executive and you've got a waiting list issue in your domain, then you're going to find any way to address that because of the keen pressure to get that KPI into a good position. So it could go either way in the future, I guess is what I'm saying.

Q. You mentioned earlier the indications that there might be a downturn in the rate of people picking up and maintaining private health insurance. What is the relationship between that and the issues that we're talking about?

A. Well, not really in my domain, but if there are less
people with private hospital - private health insurance,
those people are going to seek treatment for whatever
procedure they need in a public hospital. If you hold
private health insurance and you've got the right mix of

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cover, you can potentially access care faster, but it is 1 2 I think pretty clear that the cost of living impacts are 3 producing a trend away from private health insurance, and 4 the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing is 5 sufficiently concerned about developments in the private health system that they have commissioned a piece of work 6 to try and understand the viability, sustainability of the 7 current private hospital system, and I think that work is 8 9 due to report at the end of this year. 10 In terms of the process of award reform, the current 11 Q. process, as we understand it, tends to be a logging of 12 13 a suite of claims by one organisation identifying areas 14 within an award that they say needed adjustment or improvement for the benefit of their members, and then 15 16 engagement with the ministry in relation to those issues. 17 Α. (Witness nods). 18 19 Q. I think you tell us in your statement that that has 20 the capacity to leave particular issues in the award that 21 might be outdated but seen as favourable to the workforce -22 for example, a particular loading that might be in place for something that maybe in a contemporary space doesn't 23 24 need to be there, not finding its way on to the table as part of those negotiations. Have I accurately captured the 25 26 industrial relations process, as you understand it? 27 Pretty much. I mean, my history in this goes back to Α. 28 the structural efficiency principle of the national wage 29 case back in the early '80s, before the national wage case that introduced enterprise bargaining. 30 31 32 Now, in that period I was working in New South Wales 33 Government in the industrial relations unit that oversaw 34 all of the so-called second tier agreements, so you had to - you got a certain wage increase, but to get access to 35 the second available tier, you had to produce bargaining 36 37 offsets. 38 Now, right from that point, most unions - well, in 39 40 fact, I'd say confidently all unions - have not enjoyed 41 that offset bargaining process. It's - the only time where 42 there's really a concurrence is when the operation of an 43 award clause or matter is - you know, it's stupid for 44 everybody, including the members of the union. Then in 45 that instance, they'll happily have it on the table, 46 particularly if they think it can contribute to an argument as to why they should get access to additional income. 47

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1 2 Say the hypothetical incinerator allowance in Q. 3 circumstances where hospitals no longer have smoke stacks 4 that puff smoke? 5 Α. Yes - so, yes, people would readily agree to have that removed but it doesn't produce any kind of saving, so 6 there's no actual offset for the bargaining. 7 8 9 Q. There is also, you tell us, and Ms Collins has told 10 us, a vast array of awards which cover different small pockets within the medical - well, the health workforce 11 generally, not just the medical workforce? 12 I think it's 46 awards. 13 Α. 14 As part of award reform, do you think there would be 15 Q. 16 benefit in effectively scrapping all of them and starting 17 with some blank sheets of paper to identify a suite of a consolidated suite of awards that adequately covers all 18 19 of the various facets of contemporary delivery of medicine 20 from cleaning, hotel services, to the medical services 21 which are provided? 22 Look, I think it's a "yes and no" answer. Α. If vou could do it, tremendous. Just how long it would take, and 23 24 most particularly how much it would probably cost, you 25 know, they're both impediments to going from the blank 26 sheet of paper to a tremendous future outcome. If vou would like me to expand, I can give you a couple of 27 28 examples. 29 Q. Please do. 30 31 Α. We have been in discussions for - it probably is 32 nearly six months - with the HSU regarding a collection of 33 awards that relate to the allied health workforce broadly. 34 The plan there is to try and come down from a number in the teens to either three or five streams. 35 So those 36 discussions have been ongoing, and they're making progress. 37 They're not complete. 38 Where it becomes challenging for us and for government 39 40 is that those awards relate to different those professional 41 groups, and you can do some streaming and that would be 42 effective and it would reduce cost payroll in the system 43 and it would take out some of the complexity that leads to 44 people not being paid correctly and so on. So it would be 45 beneficial. However, the key issue for government will be 46 the conditions award, because if the approach taken is that for every condition award entitlement we would like, 47

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please, to have the best one of the suite going forward,
then we're adding cost in a net sense with getting a sort
of fairly minor payroll administration benefit. And so
that is going to become a sticking issue in those
negotiations with the HSU.

7 That becomes a sticking issue as part of a negotiated Q. 8 process which is seeking to achieve a negotiated outcome. 9 Is there scope for that process to be given some sort of 10 a sunset clause at the end of which an independent arbiter 11 of some sort, perhaps someone sitting two floors above us 12 in this building, takes up the blank sheet of paper or at least the draft that has been agreed upon with the areas of 13 14 disagreement and resolves the issue for us? The longer answer is that 15 Α. The short answer is yes. 16 we're in a fairly - a fairly new horizon with mutual gains 17 bargaining in New South Wales and with the reintroduction of the industrial court within the IRC. All of the major 18 19 unions that we're dealing with are very keen to have 20 a significant go at mutual gains bargaining, and we're in 21 the process of - we're 10 or so meetings in to discussions 22 with the Nurses and Midwives' Association. I have mentioned that that allied health work has probably 23 24 started, you know, well before any other, and ASMOF and us have met, I think about a week ago, to have a kick-off 25 26 meeting, and again they're very keen for mutual gains 27 bargaining to make progress.

29 There are complicating factors, for example, that the HSU is in the middle of a process of determining if they're 30 31 going to accept the government wages offer, which was an 32 arrangement for their general membership, and then 33 a different arrangement for those allied health workers, 34 whereby they would get the year one offer the government had tabled, but they wouldn't be bound by years two and 35 three. They would seek to use the first year to complete 36 that award reform process, and at the end of that, that 37 would dictate outcomes for years two and three. 38

40 Now, all of the unions, the major unions that we deal 41 with, want that kind of bargaining process mostly, with that caveat that I've explained for the HSU. 42 The 43 fundamental issue that we face is that the government, 44 through the expenditure review committee, has made 45 a decision about its offer and that binds us, and so we 46 enter those negotiations in good faith, but we - you know, we have a limit to what we're able to achieve. 47 So it's

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1 very likely at some point that one or both parties are 2 going to seek the assistance of the Industrial Relations 3 Commission, and the timing of that I think will come down 4 to the level of progress in those negotiations and things 5 like the uptake of industrial action and how that impacts 6 government services where we seek the help of the 7 commission to resolve the matter, and ultimately, that can 8 lead you to an arbitration. 9 10 Q. Would some sort of a deadline, and park for one moment how far off into the future that deadline might be, would 11 12 that assist the process? Look, I think we've kind of got deadlines as it sits, 13 Α. 14 only they're not uniform. As I understand it, the HSU did 15 not vote to accept the package offer that I described 16 earlier, so we're still waiting to see how that lands 17 within government and what it might dictate about our negotiations on those allied health awards. We're still 18 kind of in a bit of limbo there. 19 20 21 I think once we commence that bargaining with the 22 other unions - and we already have with nursing - at some 23 point we're going to run up against the fact that if we 24 have bargaining parameters from the government delivered by 25 the expenditure review committee that bind us, that's 26 probably going to initiate a break point in those discussions, and I - you know, for reasons of good faith, 27 28 I really don't want to offer a timeline on that, but it's 29 not next year. 30 31 That process, hitting that ceiling, which might Q. 32 ultimately be reached, accepting that good work is being 33 done in relation to the attempts to streamline the allied 34 health awards, will allowing the process to run its current 35 natural course to the point where it hits the ceiling and 36 drifts into an arbitration result in the streamlining of 37 any of the other 30-odd awards that sit out there in the 38 health space? We'll be in the hands of the commission in terms of 39 Α. 40 the nature of the applications that are made to it. 41 42 Q. Just pausing there, who determines that? 43 Well, if we're in conciliation guided by the Α. 44 commission, I think that the commissioners would expect 45 that where the parties could narrow the issues that are 46 unresolvable, that we should. And so to your question about the things that you could work on and negotiate to 47

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generate effective reform, you know, a deadline for that of 1 2 X months would not be unhelpful, but I think Ms Collins has 3 really drawn out the fact that in circumstances where 4 you're seeking to update awards for new and different 5 working arrangements, the sort of savings that you can generate are relatively minor. They're in the back office 6 processing world, and when you compare those to the 7 8 expectations that are expressed in logs of claim, we're 9 a long way apart. 10 It's a chicken and egg thing. A union will generally, 11 12 I think, not really want to concede on some reform options, even though they might agree that they're desirable, unless 13 14 they know what the corollary benefit is going to be, and so if that piece cannot be resolved and it's heading to 15 16 arbitration, it may stall those potential arrangements as 17 well. 18 THE COMMISSIONER: 19 Q. When you were talking about new 20 and different working arrangements and the savings might be 21 minor, were you talking about the evidence Ms Collins gave 22 about perhaps changing the rostering system? The rostering system for doctors? 23 Α. 24 Q. 25 Yes. 26 Yes, I think that's correct, Commissioner. Α. 27 28 MR MUSTON: The dollars is obviously a very important Q. 29 part of the process, but there is another element to it, isn't there, which is bringing the awards into a state 30 31 where they do reflect the contemporary way in which workers 32 within the public health system are working? 33 Α. Yes, it would be much preferable that they did reflect 34 the working arrangements, and I think Ms Collins very 35 eloquently explained the way that health dodged the various 36 attempts in the last couple of decades to update awards in We kind of managed to sit outside those 37 Australia. 38 processes. 39 40 Q. You told us in your statement that one of the 41 particular challenges with award reform is the fact that it's currently unfunded, which I think probably comes back 42 43 to something you told us a moment ago about the ceiling, as 44 it were? 45 Α. Yes. So, look, the former government had a wages 46 policy that involved the regulation that Ms Collins discussed, and it produced the 2.5 per cent annual cap, 47

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with the exception of 2020, I think it was, when we - when 1 2 you had an arbitrated 0.3 per cent outcome. Now I've lost 3 the thread of your question. 4 5 Q. The question related to your proposition that one of the challenges with award reform is the fact that it's 6 7 currently unfunded. 8 So we've had a cast back through records and at least Α. 9 in 2020, we can establish that in our package of what 10 I call new policy proposals, to the first round of expenditure review committee deliberations, we put award 11 12 reform with a cost envelope into that package. I've got a memory that we did it in 2019 as well, but we just can't 13 14 find it to prove it. 15 16 Late in 2020 and 2021, the health secretary wrote to the secretary of treasury about the issues of - first of 17 18 all, it was about the issue of what we thought was 19 a pending class action, hadn't yet been received, and the 20 second letter was to say, "Yes, we've got it", and we were 21 saying --22 Just pausing there, that's the junior medical 23 Q. 24 officers' class action? 25 Α. Correct. But what we were trying to get treasury at 26 least to understand was this is a problem, being that as 27 different to, you know, worked reality as it is, and 28 there's no magical way that it goes away without funding, and, you know - so very definitely, the first time we put 29 this to treasury officials was 2020. I think it might have 30 31 been earlier in verbal dialogue. 32 33 Q. Is the underlying proposition, the system would be 34 greatly enhanced by a process of award reform that brought the awards - that consolidated the awards and brought them 35 36 into line with the contemporary delivery of medicine or public health across the full spread of that workforce? 37 Yes, and if you look at the processes Ms Collins 38 Α. described at the national level, the award simplification 39 process, et cetera, I mean, that was the whole logic of it: 40 41 let's update these, let's make them plain English and current so that - because some of the disputes we 42 43 experience are driven by the lack of clarity in the awards 44 and the sort of arbitrage that occurs around, well, what does that really mean. 45 46 Indeed that was the case in the class action where 47

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1 there were, you know, what I would have said were settled 2 common interpretations between us and the industrial 3 organisation, ASMOF, but they were challenged in the class 4 action as to the construction of the language in an award 5 that was struck in the early 1980s. 6 7 And the proposition that that process of award reform Q. 8 is unfunded, that presumably reflects at least a practical 9 view that you have that in order to bring all of those 10 awards, consolidate them and bring them up to date, will result in an increase in the wages bill being paid by the 11 state to workers within the medical workforce, and the 12 13 health workforce? 14 It's considerable cost. Α. And being involved with the expenditure review committee and understanding their 15 16 broader budget context, it's not a problem that I think can 17 be solved in a single year. If our goal is to do something 18 about comparative wages between New South Wales and other 19 jurisdictions, noting what Ms Collins said about we don't 20 have to go to the top, it can't be done in one year. It's 21 a multi-year issue that - because of its impact on budget. 22 23 To that effect, if you add the VMO component to our 24 employee-related costs. I think that takes us to 60.5 per cent of our budget is in that labour bucket, and 25 26 so it's about \$17 billion. 27 28 Putting aside for just a moment the rates of pay and Q. 29 the issue that you raise about bringing them into some sort of conformance, or perhaps not matching but bringing them 30 31 into a closer conformance with other jurisdictions, are 32 there also costs associated with simply bringing the 33 working conditions contemplated by the award to a point where they reflect the contemporary realities of the way 34 that work is being done? 35 There are costs, because, in respect to the 24/7 36 Α. 37 medical system operation, we would be moving to a view that we need a remuneration arrangement that recognises that 38 time that is often being worked, which is currently treated 39 40 in that salaried manner with an allowance, and we'd be 41 saying, well, we need to recognise more clearly the work that's being done. 42 43 44 You know, there are mixed views on that. I mean, 45 we've got a matter before the IRC which they've directed us 46 back to bargaining on that relates to the children's hospital network, and in that context, the view of the 47

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1 ASMOF members there is they don't want to be shiftworkers, 2 but the way the award is constructed, we argue that we have 3 a problem making them work outside of the award's standard 4 hours. 5

Q. I take it from that answer that you perceive there to 6 7 be significant benefits on both sides to that process for 8 award reform. Just picking up the shiftworker example, if 9 the contemporary realities of delivering medical care mean 10 people need to work outside of traditional working hours, the system would benefit from having an ability to actually 11 12 "That is what you are required, under the awards, to sav. do if you accept this job, subject, of course, to 13 14 negotiations with your workplace, and those who set those shifts and rosters"? 15 16 Yes, I think that's correct, but, you know, I don't Α.

17 want to leave the impression that our senior medical 18 workforce refuses to work outside those hours; they do work 19 I mean, that's the issue, that what they outside them. 20 receive in terms of onerous hours allowance and the 21 determination allowance isn't seen any longer as being 22 appropriate.

24 Which brings us to the potential benefit of reform to Q. the medical workforce - those who do do that out-of-hours 25 26 work, which as a matter of contemporary reality, you tell 27 us, and we've heard from many people, lots do, they get 28 recognised and clearly remunerated for that out-of-hours 29 work as opposed to having either a perception or a debate about whether or not what they're doing is genuinely 30 31 reasonable on-call type work?

32 I've lost the thread on that one. Α.

34 Q. So have I. The benefit to them is they get - to the extent that they are working out of hours as part of what 35 36 is, as a matter of practical reality, shiftwork, they're 37 getting recognised and remunerated for that work when it's done? 38 Well, I just - I think it goes to certainty, and, you 39 Α. 40 know, people will be clear about what the arrangement is

and the payment they receive, and I think that's probably 42 beneficial.

44 So the risk of there being a feeling of Q. 45 dissatisfaction because someone feels like the work they're 46 doing amounts to a lot more than being on call will be reduced because they're no longer being told, "Well, we're 47

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1 giving you an on-call allowance to work that night shift", they're being paid a night shift to work a night shift? 2 3 Well, I think you can probably look at the dispute Α. 4 that was quite some time ago, well before me, involving emergency physicians, where, you know, they get an 5 allowance and they can work up to midnight. You know, 6 7 there was a lot of heat in that industrial dispute. 8 I can't remember which decade it is in, but there was an 9 impact on the availability of emergency doctors at that 10 time, and I don't think we've experienced that problem since. 11 12 13 Q. We have some indication that, in some of those other 14 areas where 24 hour delivery of medical care by a senior medical workforce is a reality, you can have a situation 15 16 where a workforce which is - or a unit or group which is 17 working very well together effectively arrange as between 18 themselves and with their head of department a shiftwork 19 type arrangement where they each do their shifts and the 20 system works beautifully. Are you familiar with those 21 sorts of arrangements hovering out there in corners of the 22 system? I don't think I particularly am aware of it. 23 Α. I mean. I think Ms Collins might have more clarity on that. 24 It's 25 certainly possible. You know, local custom and practice is 26 a feature of work places. 27 28 The risk of the out-of-date awards, though, is, Q. 29 I think coming back to the point you were making in relation to the Children's Hospital, you're not currently 30 31 in a position where, to the extent that the system 32 perceives that 24-hour shiftwork type care is required, 33 that you can say to a staff specialist on a staff 34 specialist award, "Tonight's the night shift for you," because there is no such thing under their award? 35 I think that's correct in terms of the award 36 Α. 37 construction, yes. 38 It also reduces the risk of perhaps the perception, 39 Q. 40 perhaps the reality, of people who are working under those 41 arrangements and spreading themselves between a staff 42 specialist position in the public system, with some 43 additional work in the private system being seen as 44 double-dipping, because there will be greater clarity 45 around exactly what they're required to do when working in 46 the public system and once they've done their shifts in the public system, if they choose to use their free time, even 47

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1 if that happens to be a Monday or Tuesday, working in the 2 private system, there's far less scope for debate of the 3 type that we have heard some complaint about in our 4 travels? 5 Α. Look, I think again, everyone would have certainty and 6 that's preferable in these sorts of workplace matters. 7 8 Do you think there might be benefit, picking up on Q. something the AMA told us, in having the VMO determination 9 10 review process, arbitration process, whatever the process, appropriate process might be, happening in parallel with 11 the equivalent process that's taking place in relation to 12 13 the staff specialist award? 14 I think so, subject to our capacity to resource it, Α. but, you know, they are two workforce groups that work in 15 16 combination, so there'd be utility in trying to plot their 17 future in combination. 18 19 In paragraph 61 of your most recent statement - this Q. 20 is the last question on awards - you tell us a little bit 21 about the need for there to be regulatory reform in both 22 awards and legislation to enable an increase in scope of practice. 23 (Witness nods). 24 Α. 25 26 Just while we're dealing with the awards, what are the Q. 27 adjustments, in a broad sense, that you contemplate need to 28 be made to awards to improve or increase the scope of 29 practice or the tapping of scope of practice within the medical and non-medical workforce? 30 31 I can't give you a particular and precise answer, but Α. 32 insofar as awards create prescription about what can be 33 done by an occupational group, that will either be the 34 problem or it will be in regulation with respect to the example there that's about prescribing medication. 35 So it's 36 whether the level of prescription in the award offers you agility around workforce mix or not. And if they're very 37 old, they probably don't offer you much agility. 38 39 40 Q. And does something that flows from that include the 41 broad proposition that, at least to the extent that it's within the state's power to do so, discussions around scope 42 43 of practice and making sure everyone's working at top of 44 scope to the best of the system's ability to achieve that, 45 that should be on the table as part of these award 46 discussions, as should any adjustments to legislation or New South Wales based regulations which impact on the 47

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1 ability of those people to do so? 2 I would agree, but I would also say that - and I think Α. 3 Ms Dominish's evidence on this was very clear, so I don't 4 want to muddy it about the question of scope and beyond 5 The idea about people working to top of scope is scope. very commonly discussed across the system, but it's not 6 7 necessarily the case that professional groups share the 8 same appreciation of how that will play out in a hospital 9 environment. Yes, I think that's - I don't want to muddy 10 the very clear evidence of Ms Dominish. 11 12 Q. Picking up on just that last point you make, though, 13 so there's possibly a third issue: there's award 14 adjustments to the extent necessary; there's legislative 15 and regulatory adjustments to the extent that that might be 16 necessary; but there's also a significant cultural change 17 piece which needs to be managed very carefully? 18 I think that's a very good observation. Α. Yes. 19 20 Q. Can I come now to the non-standard arrangements that 21 you've touched on in your most recent statement, and 22 Ms Collins gave some evidence about. The first question 23 around that is: are they, at least in part, a product of 24 the outdated awards? 25 Α. I would say they're - I would say they're recent 26 prevalence, quite potentially so, but we are aware, and 27 I was informed by the person who was the director of 28 workplace relations pretty much a couple of months after 29 I arrived in health that we had significant issues and that one of the ways the system had evolved under the radar to 30 31 deal with the issues that we faced was this movement to 32 non-standard arrangements which the ministry often - well, 33 certainly hadn't been in the approval gateway, and the 34 ministry often was completely unaware of. So they - and some of them are more than 25 years old. 35 36 37 Q. When you refer to these arrangements having been brought in to address - under the radar to address issues. 38 I gather one of those issues is the outdated nature of the 39 40 award, but there are also others? 41 I think there are other aspects to why they occur, Α. and, you know, talking to a former chief executive, who is 42 43 now a colleague in the ministry, he could recall broadly 44 the reason why, when he was at a hospital 20 years ago, 45 they introduced an arrangement, because he got something 46 back in return that probably related to either patient flow issues or maybe about, you know, a scope of work issue 47

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between different professional groups. So sometimes
 there's a - it's a local custom and practice, I think, that
 reflects a bit of quid pro quo.

I think the other factor at times is that we've often had workforce shortage, and I think some evidence was given across the last couple of weeks about the way we describe the problem now is similar - I think it might have been in your opening statement - to how someone described it in 2001 or thereabouts.

12 So these problems are longstanding and in order to get the kind of senior medical staff that you need, 13 14 particularly in a regional major hub or - and most definitely in a rural setting, you are exposed to the 15 16 relevant market power that is associated with labour 17 shortage, and, you know, it's a bit like what happens with locum payments. If you decide that - as a general manager 18 19 or if it escalates to the chief executive, if you decide 20 you're not going to meet the, you know, elevated 21 expectation for a locum payment for a long weekend or for 22 Christmas, that will be in the media, that will be brought to the minister's attention, it will be - and so I think at 23 24 times they go - the easier pathway here is to keep 25 a doctor, and this doctor wants an arrangement in order to 26 I think they probably assess that the ministry is stav. unlikely to grant approval so they get creative. 27 But I do 28 understand their context for why they get creative, because 29 an enormous amount of pressure is loaded on to them if the issue of there not being a doctor for coverage becomes 30 31 public.

33 Q. In terms of the obtaining approval from the ministry, 34 ministry, you said there might have been a perception that the secretary would withhold approval in a number of the 35 36 cases that you at least have in mind. What is it about the 37 non-standard arrangements which cause particular problems or challenges within the system such that it would result 38 in a decision being made not to approve the arrangement 39 40 which would see that doctor being kept in a corner of the 41 health service which the LHD thinks they're needed in? So I think Ms Collins stepped through these very well. 42 Α. 43 One of the issues relates to the use of public funds, and 44 so we have a set of awards and relevant determinations that 45 dictate what someone should be paid. So it's not a great 46 thing that they get set aside either temporarily or for a period of years. I think Mr Loy gave that evidence as 47

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to, when he was made aware of arrangements at Westmead, he didn't feel that he could just continue the further extension of an arrangement that was possibly 20 years old.

5 So I think that's relevant. I think the next point for us is the one about internal market distortion. 6 So we 7 don't really want - even though I think the non-standard 8 arrangements, the fact that they exist, gets us to this 9 point, but as a ministry we don't really want to have 10 a scenario where there's variable remuneration arrangements across a specialty group, because they talk to each other, 11 12 and particularly the mobility of some medical workforce who work in more than one facility or those who occasionally do 13 14 locum shifts and so therefore go to a site and understand 15 the arrangement there.

17 So it's not great that those arrangements differ, and 18 I think Mr Loy explained very clearly, you know, how the 19 workforce at Westmead felt when he took that action, and 20 I think similar issues impact for radiology at Concord.

22 The last thing is the matter of whether or not we feel 23 it's possible to have an appropriate ring fence created 24 that will actually hold and be sustainable. If we can't 25 really form a view, form that view in the ministry, then 26 what my team is - and the secretary has very kindly 27 delegated this function to me, so I'm signing off on an 28 arrangement that is contrary to the government's wages 29 policy, in essence, and that's an uncomfortable position for me to be in. 30

Q. The AMA gave some evidence to the effect that it felt approving non-standard arrangements should be something used more widely to try and address maldistribution of the medical workforce within the system. Do you have a comment or a view that you would wish to express in relation to that proposition?

I think it's my last point, you know, we're not a free 38 Α. agent to engage in remuneration decisions outside the frame 39 40 of rules and the law and the government's policy. When we 41 felt sufficiently compelled to try and do something about maldistribution in the regions, we started - and I think 42 43 Mr Griffiths gave the evidence that we started working on 44 this before COVID and it eventually surfaced as the 45 regional and rural incentives scheme. We went through the 46 expenditure review committee for that but we argued that it wasn't at variance with wages policy because there was 47

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1 already a current Premier's Department circular that 2 provided for the payment of rural and regional incentives. 3 But it was structured on a geographical depiction of the 4 state of New South Wales and there was a line and if you 5 were on the left of the line, you could get these. 6 7 We put forward to the secretary of the then Department 8 of Premier and Cabinet, that that line made little sense 9 for us and that we should use the Modified Monash - I can't 10 remember what the last M - Model - stands for, which is 11 a structured way of measuring rurality. 12 13 We said that's a more appropriate framework to use 14 around applicability of an allowance. But the policy as it stood said that this was available to secretaries of 15 16 departments but they had to fund it themselves, and so we 17 went to ERC saying, "Well, the secretary of premier's and cabinet is prepared to make this modification to his policy 18 circular but we can't fund it," and we sought the money 19 20 from cabinet and we received it. 21 22 Now, in that kind of elaborate manner, we said, "Well, we're not breaching the government's wages policy. We're 23 using an existing policy framework and we've sought and 24 received approval for it to be funded." 25 26 Is there a challenge that the existing policy 27 Q. 28 framework that you had to walk laboriously through in order 29 to achieve that lacks the agility that might be needed to deal with some of these maldistribution problems before 30 31 they become entrenched? 32 It was very old. I think the circular dated from Α. 33 either the late '90s or the early 2000s, and it hadn't had 34 any update in that time frame. But there has been agility delivered by two secretaries of the former and now current 35 Premier's Department, because the Modified Monash scale 36 didn't fix issues in places like I think the Tweed and in 37 Southern New South Wales because of the proximity of the 38 39 ACT. So --40 I think we've heard some evidence that --41 Q. Α. 42 Sorry? 43 44 Q. We heard some evidence in Broken Hill, I think, that 45 the Modified Monash Model had Broken Hill being treated as the equivalent of the Blue Mountains, which, from my memory 46 of that evidence, caused them some challenges. 47

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1 2 THE COMMISSIONER: And Byron. 3 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. So we sought from the secretary 5 exemptions for about three different instances, and we've done it, I think, in two batches, and we've received that 6 7 relatively quickly. 8 9 MR MUSTON: Q. In one of your answers a moment ago you 10 told us about the non-standard arrangements having had an effect on the radiology workforce at Concord. 11 What. at least in your sense of it, was the issue there and what was 12 13 the impact that it had on that little section of the 14 radiology workforce? So it's not something that I have great knowledge of. 15 Α. 16 I think there's some information in the former chief 17 executive's statement, but my - the understanding, such as I have, is that an arrangement had expired and because of 18 19 the focus that we have as an organisation on these, which 20 is the subject of work that we've asked to have privilege 21 maintained on, I think that that meant that the chief 22 executive at the time did not feel, much as the chief executive of Westmead did not feel, that they could just 23 24 further extend this agreement, and it's my understanding that that at least is a further source of issues for the 25 26 radiology department at Concord, but there were others. 27 28 As a broad proposition, though, the observation you're Q. 29 making is that where these arrangements have, under the 30 radar, come into existence and are being brought to an end, 31 the cessation of them is something which has the capacity 32 to cause disharmony within a particular section of the 33 workforce at the hospital where that arrangement existed? 34 Yes, I think we've seen it, that it has caused Α. 35 disharmony. 36 37 Q. Could I shift to another topic now and ask a little bit - some questions about data sharing. 38 We've heard some evidence from a range of organisations, the HSU, AMA and 39 40 some of the colleges, about requests that they've made for 41 data which, at least in their perception, have gone unmet. Maybe if we go through them individually, the HSU, I think, 42 43 tells us that they've sought vacancy rate data which has 44 not been provided. You are aware of that request having 45 been - or requests of that type having been made? Not personally from them. It more likely would have 46 Α. gone through the workplace relations branch. I suspect our 47

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1 issue is that we don't have a system that generates vacancy 2 data, and I think Mr Griffiths has talked about that and 3 explained through the psychiatry example what we have to do 4 to get it. 5 The AMA I think had an equivalent - referred to an 6 Q. 7 equivalent request for data about the number of VMOs and 8 their locations across the system. Is there a similar issue there? 9 10 No, the issue there is just administrative failure Α. 11 and, you know, when I see the CEO of the AMA I will 12 apologise for this. I went back and looked at the records. 13 It's an inbound email to me. It's from, I think, an 14 executive assistant to the CE of the AMA. I don't recognise the name. It's in the week preparing for budget 15 16 estimates hearings. I get sometimes 200 emails a day. 17 I just didn't see it. It came in then again with a re-send on 4 March, and I sent that to the workplace relations 18 19 branch saying, "Please take a look at this." 20 21 They had to liaise with the workforce planning and 22 talent development branch. Some of the information we had, some we don't have, based on our systems. 23 I understand 24 that they put together some tables. What needed to happen after that was a brief and a letter back to the AMA, and it 25 26 didn't manifest, and no-one actually knows why. 27 28 But the bottom line is there's no particular reason Q. 29 that you have for not sharing or for the ministry not sharing that sort of information with the AMA? 30 31 Broadly, that's correct. I would just make one caveat Α. 32 Workforce information, workforce data, is to that. 33 a subject of intense political review, regardless of which government, which opposition, you talk about. 34 So I think yesterday Mr Griffiths described the important caveats that 35 36 you would need to have travel with any kind of data about 37 vacancy rates, and I think the Commissioner made the observation that we might not have confidence that those 38 39 caveats would travel in tow, and that's often been our 40 experience and that's particularly our experience with the 41 media outlets. 42 THE COMMISSIONER: 43 Q. So, sorry, is it that you share 44 the concerns that Mr Griffiths raised about making vacancy 45 rates public in the sense that they could either just be 46 without those caveats, one, misunderstood, or, two - and he didn't blame anyone for this - used in a way that gives an 47

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1 inaccurate or false impression that there's absolutely 2 no-one in that role? 3 Correct, yes. So, you know, there are instances where Α. 4 a vacancy is unfilled, if they make a judgment that they 5 can provide the service without it and we're short this week; there are instances where we say it has to be filled, 6 7 and we use premium labour to fill it. Look, I --8 9 Q. So there's a vacancy but there's actually someone 10 doing the job until the vacancy is filled? Yes. I do understand the unions's perspective, and 11 Α. 12 I know and my workforce team know that there is a point where the level of non-permanent labour in a work unit can 13 14 have a problem. 15 16 We had a small multipurpose service in the south coast 17 18 months ago that required about seven or eight nursing staff to run it, so it's a fairly small place but it's also 18 19 got some aged care beds, and they got to a point where 20 I think they had one permanent staff member, and the rest 21 of their staff were premium labour, casual or whatever. 22 Now, that --23 24 Q. There's a huge amount of work and anxiety just 25 managing that of itself? 26 The chief executive was very concerned Α. There is. 27 And a lot was done to try and work with about it. 28 Commonwealth with respect to aged care issues to try and 29 generate a result, and then I think - I think it's 30 occurring just after we've introduced the incentive scheme, 31 so my understanding is things have improved at that site. 32 But that's why I appreciate that a union will say, "We want 33 to know about vacancies", because at one level they will 34 experience the idea that roles aren't being filled, but at another level, they might have a view that the workforce 35 36 mix is not ideal, particularly clinically, for safe 37 outcomes. 38 So, you know, we're alert to that ourselves and 39 40 I think our teams are alert to that. And so it's why it's 41 not irrelevant data, Commissioner, but given that we can't get it from our system, the regular getting of it is 42 43 a significant resource requirement and there's not a huge 44 amount of utility that is added by it, because people find 45 out through other means that there's a workforce mix 46 problem at that MPS, you know? It gets elevated without necessarily having that firm evidence base. 47

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2	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
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8	the same could be said for quite a lot of the information
	that, say, the BHI releases around things like waiting
9	times in emergency and the like; would you agree with that?
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12	Q. It does.
13	A. And the deputy secretary for - I cannot remember the
14	complete title, but for system performance and
15	sustainability, I think, he has to invest a significant
16	amount of time each time a quarterly report is produced to
17	try and create that broader context that generates an
18	accurate view.
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20	Q. Whilst it's undoubtedly a drain on what are limited
21	resources, is it not, in some respects, a valuable
22	exercise, though, to have that information out there and
23	have a process of educating or assisting the public who
24	receive that information to understand what it means and
25	why, when they pick up the paper and see particular wait
26	times in a particular emergency department, they should not
27	jump readily to the conclusion that every one of those
28	people sat for five hours with a heart attack?
29	A. There's probably not a good answer for me on this day
30	given what has unfolded elsewhere, but that's not my
31	experience of how the process works with the media.
32	I don't think there's a fulsome dialogue about the media -
33	we certainly provide media statements that try to clarify
34	the facts.
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36	What we experience is that we will generally have
37	a reference in the final paragraph to the fact that
38	a NSW Health spokesperson has said this data interpretation
39	is wrong or inaccurate or incomplete, but the headline is
40	very clear in its intent. Look, it's one of the - I raised
41	it simply to say that we don't hoard our data, but
42	sometimes we have to ask ourselves a strategic question
43	about is its release going to drive the wrong understanding
44	of the context here and is that somehow going to be
45	damaging to us in a workforce attraction sense or in an
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1 Q. Would there be some benefit in an organisation like the BHI - perhaps even the BHI - publishing some of this 2 3 workplace data as part of its annual reporting, bearing in 4 mind that the concerns that you have around those issues 5 that you've just raised and the way in which information is 6 presented are all matters that you would be able to raise 7 with that slightly more independent body? 8 Well, I guess the data is the data. Α. I think in my 9 statement, one of my statements, I talk about the 10 impression that there's a flight of New South Wales employees to other jurisdictions, and that claim is made 11 12 quite regularly in the media, and it's reported quite 13 regularly. We don't have a great deal of evidence to 14 support it. And now, that data exists and we would give that data to trade unions if they requested it, and indeed, 15 16 I've suggested to industrial associations in the last two 17 weeks that they should go and consult the data report that 18 we prepared for the Commission's hearings in these last three weeks. 19 20

21 The other point to make about this is that it is not -22 my team would need to expand to get this vacancy data with any kind of frequency, but it would mean that, in a local 23 24 health district - and if we pick a regional one - they 25 don't have a particularly large human resources team or 26 people and culture team, and they will be out there calling 27 MPSs to say, "What's going on with your staffing profile as 28 at today, at midday?" You know, we'll be talking to 29 a nurse unit manager or we'll be talking to a director of nursing, so there'll be a whole lot of activity in the 30 system that is really taking people away from their two 31 32 core roles in this respect.

34 The first is what the Commissioner referenced, that, you know, it can be quite anxious trying to operationally 35 36 fill vacancies that are here now or will be on the next visit, and so they're doing that, and then when they've 37 finished that, they've got to be trying to work on their 38 overall attraction and recruitment strategy. And to 39 40 instead have them engaged in this data-mining process, which is very manual, I just think it's a burden for them 41 42 that particularly the rural and regional LHDs would 43 struggle to complete.

Q. The data, though, would be, even if not shared,
useful, would it not, to rural and regional LHDs in those
circumstances in terms of their own workforce complaining?

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I think they already know - like, they know that 1 Α. 2 they've got an ongoing requisition for 10 nurses across 3 three of their MPSs. You know, they lodge it. They put it 4 in the ROB - yes, the ROB system. So they know they've got 5 vacancies, and if they meet the criteria of having gone through a certain number of recruitment cycles without 6 7 success and it's a critical role, they can trigger the 8 rural and regional incentive scheme at that point. 9 10 So I think they're already guite alert to this issue of where I have enduring vacancies, and they're very alert 11 to the issue I mentioned earlier about is it a workforce 12 mix matter that is starting to make the director of medical 13 14 services have concerns? They're very aware of that. 15 16 If we have it in a report, what they'll have to do is 17 stop working on the solutions, both immediate and strategic, and get engaged in, you know, an argument about, 18 "Why have you got recurring vacancies in nursing, in this 19 20 MPS?" I just can't see a great deal of utility in it 21 because I think they already understand their context. 22 I'll move to another topic. We've heard quite a bit 23 Q. 24 of evidence during this hearing block from colleges about the training of medical specialists. 25 Just picking up on 26 the data issue, the colleges have all told us that they 27 don't have the sort of workforce data which might be needed 28 for them to engage in workforce planning and distribution 29 type exercises. Do you have a view about whether that's 30 right or wrong? Look, I honestly don't know. As I said before, 31 Α. 32 I don't think we hoard data and, you know, if people ask us 33 for data, except when we have an administrative failure, we 34 generally will provide it, unless it falls under some kind of risk matter which I've broadly discussed. 35 36 37 I think Mr Griffiths gave evidence yesterday to the effect that he felt that there was a good opportunity right 38 now for the ministry, his team and colleges, to engage more 39 40 around the data issues and around how that informs the 41 colleges' approaches to how many students to seek to train 42 across the state and by location. 43 44 So, you know, I think we would already say that the 45 opportunity to do that in a more proactive way has been 46 accepted by us. 47

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1 Q. And we have heard some evidence about the basic 2 physician training, for example, and the way in which the 3 networks that have been established by NSW Health to 4 facilitate that training have, we're told, been quite 5 effective. Is there scope, as part of that process of engagement with the colleges, to try and bring more of them 6 7 into that sort of arrangement where, at least the networks 8 where trainees need to be pushed through bottlenecks and the like, the ministry potentially takes a greater role or 9 10 plays a greater role in moving people through the system that it operates, and has an understanding of, to ensure 11 12 that they receive their training and get through those bottlenecks as efficiently and effectively as possible? 13 14 It's not an area that, you know, features large in my Α. working week. It is something that's delegated to 15 16 Richard's medical workforce team. 17

18 Look, anything that we can do that brings initiatives 19 to bear that address bottleneck issues or geographical 20 location issues, we're up for consideration. I think 21 I might have heard Dr MacPherson, or I might have read in 22 her statement that we had a series of networks but we didn't have funding for additional networks, and so this is 23 24 a question not unlike the questions that any chief 25 executive in our system faces - it's about rationing the 26 resources that you do have.

28 The other dilemma that you experience in health - and 29 I have experienced in the Commonwealth in defence - is that 30 the attitude of the central treasury officials is that you 31 should be able to find several million dollars, you know, 32 to do just about anything, given the size of your budget. 33 So if we were to put forward a new policy proposal with 34 respect to extending networks, the answer would be, "That's a tremendous idea, just absorb it." 35

37 Now, that absorption would mean something else in my branch or in Richard's branch has to give. 38 When I read Richard's - Mr Griffiths' - statement, I discovered things 39 40 they were doing that I didn't even know about. I think 41 there's an extensive amount of work that we already do to 42 try and address the workforce challenges that we have. It 43 would be hard for him, I think, to deprioritise one of 44 those groups of work to fund an extension of networks. 45

46 Now, the way we kind of deal with that - and we did 47 this, I think, quite cleverly in the rural and regional

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1 incentives submission to the expenditure review committee -2 the big ticket item was the money to pay these incentives 3 across a decade, I think. There were then 16 accompanying 4 minor strategies that had dollars attached to them that 5 were about working on pipeline for rural and regional workforce, and that's how we got little things funded that 6 we otherwise wouldn't have been able to do, because they 7 8 travelled on the coat-tails of something big. 9

Now, if there were a series of recommendations arising
from this Commission and they created an approach to the
expenditure review committee, we would approach it that way
and say, "Let's cluster these and let's bring forward
something like additional funding for training networks",
explain its importance and attach it to a bigger moving
object.

18 So is there a risk that there is insufficient funding Q. 19 within the current system to operationalise and produce 20 operational benefits from some of the outstanding work that Mr Griffiths and his team are doing at the moment with the 21 22 mining and manipulation of data - I don't mean "manipulation" in a bad sense, I mean in a productive and 23 24 informative sense - to do things like create training networks that use the data that's available to identify 25 26 a bottleneck like paediatrics within anaesthetics that we 27 were told about and work collaboratively with the 28 anaesthetists to find the very best way of pushing as many 29 people as quickly as possible through that bottleneck? So I take the question as it's: have we got a funding 30 Α. issue to get the most out of all of these strategies? 31

Q. Well, maybe I should ask it in a much shorter way: if
we had more funding, could we get better operational
benefits from the work that's being done by teams like
yours and by Mr Griffiths'?

A. This is a question that will have an impact on my
future presentations to the expenditure review committee.
The treasurer, in particular, might have a view about what
I say from here.

Look, when we're just having a private conversation amongst ourselves, as the health executive team, we will make the observation that we could always find a use for more money. I think the combined submissions that you've heard to this point about workforce illustrate that just about everybody who has made a submission has said, "More

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would be good." But, you know, we have to operate in the
context of the fact that the '24/25 NSW Health operating
budget is 25 point something per cent of the state's
operating budget.

During the COVID years, we had our normal underlying 6 growth but over four years we had more than \$8 billion 7 8 additional supplementation plugged in to the health budget. 9 So more would always be wonderful, but, you know, we have 10 to respect the guidance about the state's fiscal position in making - and that's why we go through the bid process 11 12 and we try and do that creatively in the way I've described, to get the best we can. 13

THE COMMISSIONER: Can I, just before we take the 15 Q. 16 break, and related to what you just said, I was listening to a podcast the other day where - this was talking about 17 the NHS - the suggestion was that the government of the 18 19 United Kingdom would just become a health service with 20 a few other things tacked on like roads and police and 21 a few other things. But when you mentioned the dilemma 22 that you experience in health, which is the attitude of central treasury officials is that you should be able to 23 24 find several million dollars to do just about anything, given the size of your budget, in the context of putting 25 26 forward a new policy proposal, just help me with how that 27 dialogue goes. I would assume there would be push-back 28 saying, "Hang on, we're in the most massive service 29 delivery area of government and we are stretched providing the health care needs of the citizens of New South Wales 30 31 and finding several million dollars means something has to 32 give." How does that dialogue go with treasury officials 33 in relation to the point you just made? 34 Well, you know, it's a constructive dialogue. Α. I mean. it's led by the chief financial officer, but sometimes I'm 35 36 in the room if it's workforce connected. There will be 37 occasions where treasury supports our position about a particular funding initiative and they'll support it 38 because it either mitigates financial risk or it generates 39 40 an avoidance of the rate of future cost growth, and if they 41 can see that logic, they will often be in support. But 42 the --43

Q. You mean like a massive investment in sort of
preventative or primary care measures that might shorten
the morbidity of the population in terms of chronic
disease?

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1 Α. Conceptually, yes. The huge problem with that 2 arrangement, or that proposition, is that treasury would 3 have a view that the switchover time should be relatively 4 short. 5 6 Q. Treasury raises it in its intergenerational reports, 7 for example, saying, "We must do this". 8 Α. Yes. 9 10 Q. Presumably, that also means they think, "We must fund it somehow"? 11 Yes, but you're still dealing with the current tail of 12 Α. your current public health history which, you know, is 13 14 going north through the roof, and then you're trying to do this investment that is probably going to pay you back in 15 16 20 years. 17 Yes, and in an uncertain way. 18 Q. 19 Α. Correct. Yes. So I think, you know, at an officer level - and I'd have to say, and I think I can say this 20 21 without breaching cabinet confidence --22 Q. 23 Don't worry about that. 24 Α. Okay. Well, we engaged in a, you know, multi-phased negotiation about this year's budget, and those additional 25 26 phases were about treasury and the ERC taking on board and 27 listening to the issues we were raising, and there were 28 ultimately funding allocation decisions made. 29 We will take the break 30 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 31 until 11.55. Adjourn until then. 32 33 SHORT ADJOURNMENT 34 THE COMMISSIONER: 35 Yes, when you are ready, thanks. 36 37 MR MUSTON: Q. Just before the adjournment, we were talking a little bit about the colleges. 38 The other role played by the colleges within the system is the 39 40 accreditation, or the role they play in relation to the 41 accreditation of training positions? 42 Α. Yes. 43 44 Q. We've heard some evidence that there are, in essence, 45 two steps in that process: the first is the raising of 46 a position within an LHD - that is, the funding of a salary within the LHD for the prospective trainee. That's the 47

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1 first step? 2 Α. Yes. 3 4 Q. And the second step is the accreditation by the 5 relevant college of either the facility or the training position for that trainee? 6 7 Α. As I understand it. ves. 8 9 Q. In relation to that first step, the raising of the 10 training position or creation of a salary for a trainee, that is an area where, do you think, Mr Griffiths' role 11 12 could potentially provide some real benefit in terms of 13 workplace planning and bringing to the attention of the LHD 14 and working with the LHD and colleges to utilise data that's available to create training positions in areas and 15 16 locations? When I say "areas", areas of specialisation and 17 in physical locations which best meet what might be seen as 18 workforce needs now and into the future? 19 I think it's a challenging area because the decision Α. 20 to create a specialty training position is a function of 21 a much wider dialogue about service planning at that 22 hospital or that facility. So, you know, that planning 23 happens locally. It's meant to be informed by local 24 dialogue, by local consultation and we've been seeking. 25 particularly regionally, to try and - to improve the 26 operation of those local consultation mechanisms. 27 28 So it's a long way for us, in St Leonards, to reach 29 To the extent that - and I think this goes to your in. point before the break - are there enough resources in 30 31 Mr Griffiths' team that he can do some outreach work to be 32 completely certain that the wider dynamic of workforce 33 metrics and demand and future forecasting - is that always 34 and everywhere being adopted and picked up in the way that You know, I don't know, but we don't have 35 we would hope? 36 the resources to be actively monitoring that. And I don't think we really want to, because they are local hospital 37 But they then have a workforce impact. 38 planning decisions. 39 40 To give you an example of what we do try and do, the 41 Nursing and Midwifery Office, as well as Mr Griffiths' team, worked quite heavily with the nursing network that we 42 43 call the LDONs - I don't know why, but that's the name of 44 them, someone in health will remember the acronym. But we 45 went from hiring graduates ahead of COVID in the realm of 46 about 2,100 a year, we peaked last year, I think, at about 47 3,550.

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1 2 Now, that was us saying to the team, you know, "We've 3 seen some increased separations through the back end of 4 We have to grow our future nursing workforce, COVID. 5 particularly with midwifery, there's a shortage of graduates in the market, so we really have to promote that 6 mid-start scholarship program. So we did engage with all 7 8 the LHDs, through both the nursing network and the people 9 and culture network, to get that system uplift. 10 I think what you're suggesting is could we do a little 11 bit more of that around the blended mix of roles in areas 12 of specialty and location, undoubtedly, we probably can, 13 14 and it would be good, but I don't think we currently have the resource base that enables us to do that. 15 16 17 Q. In terms of the second step of the accreditation, the 18 accreditation of the facilities or training places by 19 colleges, the sense that we get from the evidence, or the 20 sense that one might draw from the evidence given is, in 21 most cases, those relationships seem to work pretty well 22 and those accreditation processes seem to roll through 23 without significant incident. I think that's correct. 24 Α. 25 Just accepting that the absence of conflict is 26 Q. a positive thing, is there, do you think, nevertheless, 27 28 potentially some scope for a greater level of uniformity in 29 the way in which some of those accreditation processes work through the system? 30 I do, and I think I would make two observations. 31 Α. The 32 first one is that, you know, I think it's 16 or 17 33 colleges, so they do all have their own set of internal 34 procedures and processes. One of the particular areas of variance is what happens if a facility wishes to seek 35 36 Those arrangements are not consistent review or appeal. 37 across the board. Because of that situation - and I honestly can't remember if it arises from the National 38 Health Practitioner Ombudsman's review or whether it's set 39 40 in train earlier; I believe it is set in train earlier -41 that there would be a national kind of, not really an 42 appeal process but it's a process review mechanism through that ombudsman's role. 43 44 45 Now, initially when that scheme was introduced a few 46 years back, the perspective was that you would need to exhaust all of the college internal avenues before going to 47

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the Commonwealth ombudsman. You know, that would mean that 1 2 it was your fourth - third or fourth attempt at review. 3 4 I'm advised by Dr MacPherson that the ombudsman is 5 prepared to engage earlier and not require that, because essentially, the ombudsman can't change the accreditation 6 7 decision under her authority and because the colleges 8 source their authority from the Australian Medical Council. 9 But what the ombudsman can do is say, "We don't think you've followed your own process", or "We think there are 10 process flaws and we would recommend that you revisit." 11 12 13 So there is complexity in the fact that if you're 14 a particular hospital, you're going to have to deal with each of these colleges across a rolling sort of three- or 15 16 five-year process of accreditation review. We have had 17 occasions where we've reminded our chief executives of the importance of their local teams, their local directors of 18 19 medical services, being ready for an accreditation visit, 20 you know, this is an own goal. 21 22 But I remember a case where we had an accreditation committee arrive and no-one knew - well, someone knew they 23 24 were coming, but no-one on site that day knew they were 25 coming. Now, that reflected poorly on our facility and on 26 the relevant LHD. It doesn't happen often, to your point, 27 but it does need to be a priority for us but it's 28 a challenge that there's such a level of variance. 29 30 So one level of variance you've told us about is Q. 31 variance in the process and mechanisms by which one can 32 review and seek to challenge decisions made by colleges in 33 relation to accreditation? 34 Α. Yes. 35 And is it your view that it would be useful if some 36 Q. 37 steps were taken, perhaps even just through a process of collaboration with all of the colleges, to bring that to 38 a point where it was broadly uniform so at least one knew, 39 40 in respect of whichever college it might be, that this is 41 the process that we follow and if we're unhappy with the 42 outcome, this is how we go about dealing with it? 43 I agree with that. It's my understanding that the Α. 44 Commonwealth, as a result of the ombudsman's report and 45 recommendations - the Australian Medical Council is working 46 with colleges to that end right now. And I would make one 47 further point.

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2	Q. Yes.
3	A. We, at the direction of the then minister, convened
4	a roundtable with colleges in 2019, and it was driven by
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	some accreditation decisions which were the not good cases
6	that you've referred to. We had four working groups formed
7	out of that, and one was about how to deal with complaints
8	about college members that would pop up in accreditation,
9	and what was the respective role of the college and what
10	was the role of the local health district or the facility.
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12	The second one was about accreditation escalation
13	pathways and how to get messages through quickly, and there
14	were two more, not so relevant to what we're discussing.
15	But my memory is that each of the first two working
16	groups - and I co-chaired one of them - had 36 members on
17	it, because there are 16 colleges, right, and then we
18	needed some people from the ministry and from a hospital
19	context. They battled gamely through COVID and Teams
20	meetings, but in the end, when the Delta wave hit, it just
21	folded and we've never got back to that table.
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23	In part, the observation of Dr MacPherson to me when
24	I asked her was, you know, "How successful was the progress
25	being made", and she said, "Look, it's limited, because
26	they're national colleges, in many case binational with
27	New Zealand, and we're one jurisdiction trying to have
28	a conversation with them about something that affects all
29	jurisdictions."
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31	So I think it was a grand attempt to have those
32	working groups. It probably couldn't succeed, and COVID
33	made it impossible. But it might have formed part of the
34	context that has led to the developments federally where
35	that work is now happening, and we value that that work
36	will be - we hope that it will proceed and we value its
37	outcomes.
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39	Q. As a consequence of that work we were told, I think by
40	the surgeons, that some earlier ideas that that college had
40	had about a two-stage accreditation process, whereby
41	a facility would be broadly accredited for things like the
42	availability of a library, study spaces, amenities that
43 44	were required for good training, are all broad issues that
44 45	covered all of the areas of surgical specialty and could be
45 46	done as a first pass, and then a second more discrete and
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1 sub-specialties would occur by the particular - through the 2 particular societies that ran them. That's an idea which, 3 as good as it sounds, is part of this national dialogue 4 that's happening; would that be right? 5 Α. I would need Dr MacPherson to confirm, but I think 6 it's a fair assumption. 7 8 Can I move to another topic. We've heard some Q. 9 evidence from a couple of witnesses, including in 10 particular Dr Richards from the Sydney Local Health District, about rates of burnout within the medical 11 12 She expressed a view that, on her workforce. understanding, something like 70 per cent of the workforce 13 14 in the post COVID era is affected by burnout. Do you have a view on that, first of all, do you agree that it's 15 16 a major problem within the - or share her view, I should 17 say, that it's a major problem within the medical 18 workforce? 19 And in parts of the nursing workforce. Α. You know. 20 I think you've heard a bit of peripheral evidence about 21 just how impactful the COVID period was, and we've done 22 a lot of things to try and help people recover. We invested in bringing forward relief workforce from future 23 24 budget years, brought the funding forward to try and say, "This is so you can hire more people now and get your very 25 26 tired people into leave, et cetera", but despite that, 27 I think there is a sort of enduring consequence of COVID 28 for people with burnout. 29 I went back and had a look at some data on this, and 30 the "People Matter" employee survey for '23, I think it was 31 32 done in August of 2023, just looking at macro numbers -33 well, I'm not sure if these are macro or Concord, I just 34 scribbled them down, but the number of people who said "Yes, I'm burnt out", was 40.7. I note in the same survey 35 36 the number of people who said that in education was 48 per cent, and in justice, it was 39 per cent. 37 So not surprisingly, health and education both went through, you 38 know, a windmill through COVID; justice equally so. 39 40 41 I spoke to Mr Griffiths. We're not aware of any data 42 that would point to 70 per cent. We don't think that 43 that's the number that arises out of the various other 44 surveys that are conducted. So when people do their annual 45 reregistration as a medical practitioner, there's a survey 46 associated with that. It gets reasonable response rates, I think in the 30s, 30 per cent. I don't know for a fact 47

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the number for burnout, but I do know it's not 70 per cent. 1 2 So, you know, it is a question of magnitude here, I guess. 3 4 Q. The evidence that was given by Dr Richards referred to the My District OK program that had been rolled out, at 5 least in her view, quite effectively at Sydney Local Health 6 7 District. Do you have a view that a program like that 8 could be of benefit if it was rolled out more widely across 9 the system? 10 It's potentially the case. What I would like to see Α. is an evaluation. So I remember being at an event that 11 12 possibly is the launch of MDOK - "Medical Doctor OK". That 13 was in 2019, I was invited by the chief executive and 14 I think I was invited because the chief executive's view 15 was that the funding we had made available from the central 16 culture pool that Mr Griffiths administers had been used to 17 get that program rolling. 18 19 So it's 2019, we're in 2024. It's been expanded into 20 other workforce and into other major sites. Right at this stage, you know, the Sydney LHD PMES score, "People Matter" 21 22 score, is one point better than the next three LHDs that 23 are at the top end of the spectrum. So, you know, like, it 24 needs an evaluation. I think it's a good time for it to occur now. 25 26 27 In terms of the "People Matter" statistics or results, Q. 28 the other evidence we heard was to the effect that the 29 "People Matter" survey lacks a level of granularity that perhaps necessarily so - would enable one to get a really 30 31 detailed read on levels of burnout and levels of workplace 32 satisfaction within the health system and any particular 33 corner of it. Would you agree with that proposition? 34 Not completely, no. I would make two points, somewhat Α. defensively as a former deputy commissioner of the Public 35 36 Service Commission. There's a limit to what it can do as 37 an instrument that we provide to 400,000 people. Health did not participate until the 2016 round of administration, 38 and that was because of the history with the YourSay survey 39 40 and because, by that point, we had agreed with the 41 Commission - and I think it might have been an agreement health reached with me when I was there - that we would 42 43 roll about 13 questions from the YourSay survey in, so that 44 we had a continuing time series of that data. 45 46 So it can't be completely granular just by design. 47 Its value is that you get to compare - we get to compare

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1 every LHD and every health entity. We can drill down. We 2 are stopped from drilling down at the point where the 3 Public Service Commission decides that there's a data 4 anonymity problem if you go below that. So that call is 5 not made by us, it's made by the administrative function. Now, that function will, in future, be within the Premier's 6 7 Department, given changes that have happened to the Public 8 Service Commission.

10 So, you know, you can go down layers. The second point I would make is I have seen many instances of what 11 you do get in the survey being very well used to effect 12 13 change in workplace culture. I've seen it in branches in 14 my own current division in health. I've seen it prior to coming to health, and I can tell you that there are some 15 16 applications in the NSW Health awards that are about 17 particular facilities out there that demonstrate this fact. that, you know, have seen 25 per cent movement in factors 18 19 that relate to communication or to the effectiveness of 20 teamwork or the extent to which they feel management is 21 listening to them.

The way it happens, when it does happen like that, is 23 24 that people get the survey results and they say, "Well, it tells me I've got a problem and it gives me a set of themes 25 26 about the problem. To get granular, I have to do some kind 27 of further step", and that step is a focus group, 28 If there's a view that people won't speak a workshop. 29 openly in that context, that clearly tells you you've got So, you know, we would expect our people and 30 a problem. culture teams to get a consultant in and a third party 31 32 person in to be the facilitator of that exploration of what 33 those results mean.

35 The other thing you get in the results are verbatim 36 statements, and we do make decisions in people and culture 37 departments about whether or not we share direct verbatim statements or whether we share a thematic summary of them, 38 again, because it goes to people remaining anonymous and it 39 40 goes to people not receiving unfair feedback without an 41 opportunity for them to respond, if there are personal 42 remarks made about people.

44 So between that exploration through, you know, hard 45 work with a team, supported by resources that can elicit 46 the reasons why you've got a declining score on one or many 47 of the items, and that verbatim trigger, you can do quite

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Now, that's not to say that the data collected at Sydney through the wellness program is not excellent. It is excellent. Part of the success, I think, of that program and its expansion is that it evolved locally. If my division was to mandate the arrangements across all local health districts, culturally, that wouldn't go down well. Right? Because, "It's not an idea from here and we're already doing work in our own patch around wellness and you're just going to sweep it all away."

13 So constantly, and I refer to this in my statement, we 14 have to balance the level of prescriptive direction with 15 the level of helpful guidance, and certainly, you know, if 16 I get an evaluation about the wellness program that's 17 definitive, we will start the conversation with LHD people 18 and culture teams and chief executives about, you know, "Is 19 this too good an opportunity for you not to pursue?" And 20 that's how we would take this forward.

22 Is part of that, if you've got a local and passionate Q. 23 champion of an idea, who advocates for the creation of 24 a particular role and a particular function within the local health district and then is successful in that 25 26 advocacy and gets the role, it follows that they are likely 27 to do a pretty good job of it, whereas if you've got 28 a position mandated by your group that needs to be filled 29 within the LHD, you're not necessarily going to be 30 guaranteed of having that position filled by someone who is 31 going to be able to do it anywhere near as well as the 32 passionate champion we've just referred to? 33 Α. I think that's an accurate observation.

You mentioned concerns about a workplace where there's 35 Q. 36 an unwillingness to speak out. You've no doubt heard the evidence that has been given by a number of witnesses to 37 the effect that it is a particular feature of the medical 38 39 workforce that, for reasons associated with the structure 40 of that workplace, that workforce and its history and 41 culture, there is a reluctance to speak out about matters. Is that something that you are generally aware of as an 42 43 issue that needs to be dealt with as part of the operations 44 of your group? 45 Α. It is, and I'd like to add a data point --46

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-- to sort of highlight the extent to which it is 1 Α. 2 a bit particular to medical workforce. Looking back at 3 Concord's PMES results, there is a question that is asked and it's along the lines of - I think I have scribbled it -4 5 "Would you be comfortable notifying your manager when you become aware of a risk in the workplace?" Now, the Concord 6 7 result for that is 86 per cent. So that's kind of 8 suggesting to me that there's a pretty strong culture of, 9 you know, "I'm empowered to raise a risk." There were 10 about 106 doctors in that respondent survey, I think somewhere here I have got it, there was a couple of 11 thousand from - no, 1,200 at Concord, 106 of them medical 12 13 officers. 14

So what is different about the medical workforce 15 16 construct? You know, if you have an expectation or 17 a career aspiration to become a member of a college as a fellow, then it's very clear to you, I think, from your 18 19 earliest days as a trainee, training doctor in hospitals, 20 that staff specialist members of the college and VMO 21 members of the college are likely to have a significant 22 impact on your potential selection as a college trainee. And so if you feel that you should raise an issue and speak 23 24 up about a college member in the specialty you're contemplating seeking to train in, that's a big call, and 25 26 I think that over many generations, people have decided 27 that the safer path is not to make that call.

29 Now, I think witness evidence referred to the fact that back in 2017, before I get to health, we do have some 30 iunior doctor suicides. I think it's two to three, I can't 31 32 And that leads to a roundtable about the be exact. conditions of junior medical officers and a great deal of 33 34 reform flowed from that, that's in my statement. It remains one of the bedevilling aspects of the arrangement 35 36 of what is a craft group that trains its future members. 37

To give you another bit of context for it, when we 38 started after the JMO roundtable working very, very 39 40 deliberately on the working conditions of JMOs, that work, 41 started before I arrived at health, is one of the first 42 things I got across. We were trying to introduce some new 43 standards, which we ultimately did, about rostered working 44 hours for junior doctors, that they couldn't be 45 continuously rostered for more than 14 hours and they 46 should have a 10-hour gap; and we also introduced all the measures about claiming your unrostered unplanned overtime, 47

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"Here are technological ways to make it easy for you, which we've rolled out in three tranches", together with, you 2 3 know, "You have to attest to us that you've claimed for all 4 the overtime you've been required to work."

6 Now, we've done all of that work because junior 7 doctors - and junior doctors trying to get into training, 8 are exceptionally vulnerable. It's already a stressful 9 work environment. I don't know that the average member of 10 the community fully appreciates that a hospital is a facility that treats patients, but it's also a training 11 12 factory, you know, and you've got young people in there 13 making very important decisions in their treatment of 14 patients, in sometimes challenging contexts, and if they're suffering any kind of workplace harassment, bullying, poor 15 16 culture, it just - it gets excessively worse.

So we've put a lot of effort in to this, but I was 18 19 reading through some college guidelines - and I'm not going 20 to name the college, but it was 2018 - and it said on the 21 website for people who wanted to apply to train for the 22 college, "You should expect to work 70 to 80 hours a week in our training program if you're going to succeed in 23 getting to fellowship." So that was in 2018, it was after 24 the roundtable. 25

27 Now, it's not there anymore, but I think it took 28 a while for some of the colleges to lose, if I could call it, the sort of, "I went through this. It didn't ruin me, 29 this is how it is", and what we've been trying to say is, 30 31 "Well, it can't be like that anymore, and, moreover, the 32 demographic of young medical people who now join our 33 system, it's not their expectation that that's what it 34 takes to get trained."

36 So. ves. I just think medical is different because of 37 the fact that there is so much on-the-job training going on, and that's not really the case for the rest of our 38 clinical workforce. Yes, they might come in and progress 39 40 from where they are to a clinical nurse educator role or to 41 a nurse practitioner role, and so they will be learning, 42 but it's mass for the doctor community, you know, and 43 you're either an accredited trainee because you've been 44 accepted to a college, or you are a non-accredited trainee who's trying to see if they can win selection to a college. 45 46 So if you are in that second category and you are in year four or five of your professional career as a doctor, 47

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1 you're going to be pretty careful about how you traverse 2 that landscape, and I think that really does happen. 3 4 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Can I just go back, so 5 I understand something you said just earlier when you were talking about Concord's people matters results. You said 6 that there was a question, "Would you be comfortable 7 8 notifying your manager when you become aware of a risk in 9 the workplace?" Is that literally the question? 10 It's very close to it, Commissioner, but I would be Α. 11 very happy for the team to --12 13 Q. Is there any definition of what is meant by "risk"? 14 Α. I don't believe so, in --15 16 Q. You see, I'd interpret it as like a medical risk, in 17 which case I'm not sure that 86 per cent's that great an I would expect 100 per cent of people to feel 18 answer. 19 comfortable telling their supervisor, or whoever they are, 20 their manager, that there's a medical risk. 21 22 The other thing I'd suggest to you, and like your 23 thoughts on this, is that I think, whether you call it 24 grievances or issues that were raised at Concord, I think they go beyond what I'd call "risk". They go to things 25 26 like bullying, lack of resources, issues like that, that 27 I think are different to risk. So I don't quite see that 28 there's - when you say there's a pretty strong culture of 29 "I'm empowered to raise a risk", maybe, although, as I said, I might expect that to be close to 100 per cent if 30 31 it's a medical risk. But I think the issues being raised 32 by the medical staff council at Concord go well beyond 33 that. Do you agree with that? 34 Can I go to the first --Α. 35 36 Q. You can go to anything you want to do. Thank you, Commissioner. I think that, noting that 37 Α. the 1,200 people at Concord who did the survey, everybody 38 from potentially a wardsperson to a doctor to a senior 39 40 doctor, risk is going to mean something a bit different for 41 each one of them. 42 Q. 43 It might. 44 Α. Given the work we put into workplace health and 45 safety, and increasingly over the last two years into 46 psychological safety and risk, that will be a factor for some in their answer. For others, it will be medical risk. 47

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1 You know, what we would hope there is that a medical risk 2 event has been lodged in ims+ --3 4 Q. There's an element, though, of speculation in what 5 vou're saving? Correct. 6 Α. 7 8 Q. It may be well-informed speculation, but --9 Α. No, I don't disagree. 10 Q. Go ahead. 11 12 And I think the last aspect of risk would be - so Α. 13 there's safety, there's psych safety. I think it could be, you know, bullying, harassment. I think some people could 14 15 go there. 16 17 I introduced it because I do think there's a particularity about the position of doctors in training, 18 and I think I've been fairly clear, definitive on that. 19 20 21 The second part to your question is, yes, I would 22 agree that Concord was about many things, but most particularly from my sense of it, which is, you know, not 23 24 fully conclusive. I've heard some of the evidence, not all. 25 I've had engagements with restorative - ProActive, their 26 restorative process. You know, it's a place where 27 relationships broke down, and the ability for them to be 28 repaired with the community doing it itself had been lost, 29 and therefore, communication failed and trust eventually, vou know, declined. 30 31 32 Mr Muston may explore that with you. Q. My point Sure. 33 was the "People Matter" survey, in the sense that you've 34 raised it, it may have some relevance to that general issue at Concord, but it's by no means perfect data; correct? 35 36 Α. No, I accept that. 37 MR MUSTON: I think, to the extent that it assists, 38 Q. we've managed to find the question, which is, "I am 39 40 comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any 41 risks at work." And in larger text, in the margin, it reads the following, "'Risk' refers to the effect of 42 uncertainty in achieving work goals and organisational 43 44 objectives. Workplace risks can have negative or positive effects on your objectives." Would you accept that doesn't 45 46 really clarify matters, insofar as the exchange you've just had with the Commissioner is concerned, as to what one 47

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1 might interpret when they read the word "risk"? And I couldn't even recall that that, you know, 2 Α. 3 attempt to clarify the nature of the question was there. 4 5 THE COMMISSIONER: That doesn't sound like it necessarily covers bullying or lack of resources, but who knows. 6 7 8 I must say, when I had initially heard the MR MUSTON: 9 results, I had assumed "risk" might have extended to things 10 like trip and slip hazards and the like. 11 12 THE COMMISSIONER: So did I, yes. 13 14 MR MUSTON: But the point is it will mean different Q. 15 things to different people. 16 Yes, and we do talk to our team, our people, a lot Α. 17 about psychological safety at work, because we are required 18 to by legislation. 19 20 One of the challenges that is faced, which contributes Q. 21 to the level of burnout within the workforce we're told, is 22 workforce shortages and staffing challenges. Would you 23 agree with that? 24 I think yes, but again, there's a need for a bit of Α. relevant context based on data. 25 26 27 Q. Yes. 28 You know, the impact of furloughing of staff during Α. 29 the COVID period was immense. From memory, the max we had of staff who were at home for either seven or 14 days was 30 31 over 1,600. Now, that - you know, that really challenged 32 day-to-day rostering in the system. So absolutely through 33 that period of the various COVID waves, there is no 34 question that staff were working unsustainable hours in 35 certain parts of the health system. 36 37 As I've said, junior doctors, you know, are relied upon, and they're rostered and paid to work those back 38 So there would have been occasions for junior 39 shifts. 40 doctors in particular where that standard of 14 hours and 41 10 might have not been available, and they were being asked 42 to do overtime. 43 44 So overtime is worked in our system, but if you look 45 at it in macro terms, it's not really that extensive. 46 I can't recall the number, for medical hours worked, for their overtime, but the nursing and midwifery percentage of 47

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hours worked that are overtime hours, for the '23/24 year, 1 2 is 3.5 or 3.6, and it's a little bit elevated from where it 3 was prior to COVID, by about 0.3 or thereabouts, and it's 4 better than it was during COVID where it lifted above 4. 5 Within the medical workforce --6 Q. 7 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Sorry, are those hours per week, 9 the 3.5? 10 No, that's looking at every hour worked by a nurse or Α. midwife across the 12-month period and what proportion of 11 them were, in fact, overtime hours. 12 13 14 Q. I see, right. And some proportion of them would be casual nurse 15 Α. 16 hours, you know, that sort of thing. 17 18 MR MUSTON: Within the medical workforce, you've told Q. 19 us that vacancies don't necessarily equate to a lack of 20 service because premium labour or locums are brought in to 21 fill those positions, but there are cases, aren't there, 22 where positions for, say, staff specialists within particular areas of specialisation are seen as necessary to 23 24 meet the workload, they are advertised and not filled and not, in the short term, being filled with locums? 25 26 27 I mean, for example, the radiologists at both Westmead 28 and Concord, we have heard some evidence that one of the 29 challenges that the local health districts respectively were facing was recruiting radiologists into those 30 31 positions that were seen as needed. 32 Yes, it can occur, and in the most recent manual Α. 33 exercise to collect vacancy data that we did for 34 psychiatry, there is a proportion of roles that are not being filled by a VMO and are not being filled by a locum, 35 36 but. vou know. if the Commission would like - I think it is tendered in Mr Griffiths' evidence, but if you go to that 37 addendum, my memory is it's like 14 or 17 that - so the 38 wider number of vacancies is in the order of 60 or 70, but 39 40 the vast bulk of them are being met through premium labour, 41 but not all of them. So your point is correct. 42 43 In paragraph 62(c) of your most recent statement, you Q. 44 tell us that the overall pipeline and supply of health professionals is strong. Do you have a view about whether 45 46 the number of at least medical graduates that are being produced by universities in New South Wales is sufficient 47

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1 to meet the demands of the system going forward? 2 That's a challenging question because there are Α. 3 different views about whether the problem is about volume 4 or whether it's about maldistribution, and the 5 Commonwealth, at least the last time I was in a conversation with them about this, would take the view that 6 7 it's about maldistribution not the number of doctors. But 8 I am aware that - and I don't know whether it's the medical 9 deans from the group of eight universities or whether it's 10 a wider community, I am aware, because I was on the webinar, that they have conducted a session in the last 11 12 18 months to argue the point that the Commonwealth is not 13 right; that, in fact, you're not training enough doctors. 14 So my view on it is to kind of back the advice that 15 16 I get from Mr Griffiths' team, so I would go with what's in 17 his statement. 18 19 Q. Does the approach taken to assessing whether or not 20 the number of graduates is appropriate to meet future 21 workforce needs, at least insofar as you are aware, take 22 into account the reality that the current generation of 23 graduates might not actually want to work full time and in 24 the way that graduates from generations past have? I think it's a very good interrogation that needs to 25 Α. 26 be made of the data, because the demographic issues are 27 real and they're quite significant, and they're best summed 28 up with a couple of fact points: one, that more than 29 50 per cent of graduating doctors now in New South Wales are older than 25, where it used to be they were mostly, 30 31 90 per cent, under 25. 32 Many more people are coming to medical training after 33 34 another discipline of study and that, in turn, creates issues for the impact of specialty training across their 35 36 years as, you know, I think most people, more than half, have been finishing their training in the ages of 35 to 44 37 or something. I think that's in Dr MacPherson's statement. 38 39 So that's the first demographic point. 40 41 The second one is that I believe - I would rely on, you know, someone checking the data source - more than half 42 43 of medical trainees now are women, and I think they - you 44 know, doing specialty training, while that coincides with 45 the years where you might be seeking to have a family, is 46 a further complication and it's a real, challenging one. But we even see with all of our new generations of medical 47

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students that they're not that invested in the 1 2 70-hours-a-week experience as a GP in a rural environment. 3 So the real practical thing that we face when a GP retires 4 in a rural community is that you need three to four GPs to 5 effectively get the cover that you used to achieve with 6 that retiring doctor. 7 8 So there's just a completely different orientation 9 towards the extent to which the profession of practising 10 medicine, particularly for GPs, impacts on someone's wider life. 11 12 13 Q. You might not know the answer to this, but to the extent that assessments are being made by, say, the 14 15 Commonwealth, of the adequacy of the number of graduates 16 being produced, do you know whether that's taking into 17 account what would appear to be the growing reality that 18 where one doctor might once have - one graduate might once 19 have been an adequate pathway for that small town, you now 20 need three? 21 Α. I would think so, because the issues are well known in 22 all jurisdictions, and - I've not attended many meetings of the health ministerial council, but the one that I did 23 24 attend, everyone is talking about the same kind of 25 challenges. 26 27 In relation to those training places, we have heard Q. 28 some evidence about the connection between Commonwealth 29 funded training places and the guarantee of an intern position within a hospital in New South Wales. 30 Are vou 31 aware of whether the number of intern positions that the 32 state can guarantee are in any way a limiting factor on the 33 number of trainees being produced? 34 I don't think so at the moment, because we didn't fill Α. all of our available spaces, even after we went to 35 36 international medical graduates, who don't have 37 a quarantee. And before we go to international medical graduates, we go to that sort of clearing house that all 38 the jurisdictions run for, "Has anyone missed out on 39 40 a chair because they wanted to work in Victoria but then didn't get an offer?" So we exhaust that process in 41 about October each year, and then we look at international 42 43 medical graduates, and we did not fully subscribe our 44 available positions in 2023, and the process is sort of 45 under way in 2024. Most of that undersubscription is 46 outside of metro. 47

1 Q. I just want to ask you a quick question about locums 2 and premium labour that we've touched on. We have heard 3 evidence to the effect that locums are a very important 4 part of the medical workforce, to the extent that they 5 enable that system to flex and contract where needed and provide opportunities for members of the medical workforce 6 7 to have a holiday, all of those important things? 8 Α. Yes. 9 10 Q. But in some places, locums and premium labour have become a little bit more business as usual rather than 11 something utilised for that flex or contraction. Is that 12 13 a sense that you have? 14 Either Mr Griffiths' statement or mine has some Α. information about the level of uplift in their use. 15 So 16 there is a pattern of more locum use, albeit they're still 17 not a very significant part of the medical workforce, but it has increased. 18 19 20 Most of that increase has been experienced outside 21 I think some of it does link back to your questions metro. 22 related to the demographic profile of young doctors. So we do see a bit of evidence in the data that - we offer 23 24 two-year contracts to graduating students. The first vear. they have to, you know, complete their registration, but we 25 26 offer them a second year because they can't really enter 27 college training until they've completed that. I'm not 28 sure all states do. They might by now, but we moved to it 29 some time ago to try and create that certainty for them. 30 31 We do see junior doctors in that second year sort of 32 resigning their role in the last quarter, and they might go and practise locuming for a period of time. So, you know, 33 34 that's a kind of - it's a lifestyle choice, it's "I might want to travel overseas, have a break. If I work as 35 36 a locum for three months. that makes that viable and 37 possible and I will come back next year and apply for junior doctor positions and eventually head to a specialty 38 39 training path." 40 41 I don't think that there's many of the young doctors participating in the locum market in that way that are 42 43 choosing to be a locum forever. There may be some, but 44 what is happening is that through, this whole mix, the 45 number of people seeking to enter training in general 46 practice has declined pretty much every year since 2015, and that's - you know, that issue is regularly raised with 47

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1 the Commonwealth because it's particularly concerning. 2 3 I think we had one year where it held firm or maybe 4 increased, and that was essentially when the borders were 5 closed and doctors couldn't go elsewhere. So I think that's, you know - look, what we don't like about the locum 6 7 arrangement is when we can't try to deploy a reasonable cap 8 on the daily rate, and we're trying to work on that with 9 other jurisdictions. And we don't like it when, in 10 connection to that escalating rate, there is a practice of withdrawal and gazumping, effectively. 11 12 13 Mr Griffiths referred to the vendor management system 14 The main thing we hope to get from that is better rollout. 15 data to manage those locum agencies so that we can confront 16 them about the gazumping activity because they are not 17 meant to be doing that under the arrangement. We're 18 hopeful that that will also generate an ability to stop the 19 growth in the locum agency fee - not the rate paid to the 20 doctor, but the fee paid to the agency. 21 22 I want to move to a different topic now and ask you Q. some questions about medical staff councils. 23 What do vou 24 see as the role of medical staff councils within the health 25 system? They're very important. 26 They're there to be the voice Α. of the clinical community and provide advice to the 27 28 relevant facility where that council exists. 29 In that sense, do they provide a platform for 30 Q. 31 expressing concerns about resourcing and decisions which 32 might be made in relation to the operation of a facility 33 which at least those working within the facility are 34 troubled by? Yes, I think in short, but the experience that 35 Α. Yes. 36 people advise me of is that medical staff councils are they're a function, a derivative of the wider medical 37 38 community at that place. In expectation that you were 39 going to ask some questions related to this, we went back 40 and just had a look at a few things. You know, under the 41 arrangements, the by-laws, we're meant to have a medical staff executive council in each LHD. It doesn't make sense 42 43 to have one in Far West, so there's a medical staff council 44 at Broken Hill Hospital, and there's one LHD where its 45 staff executive council has kind of failed to meet quorum, 46 essentially. So there's a lack of kind of interest in the community to - now, having discovered that in the last 47

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1 24 hours, you know, I think it's important that we go and 2 understand, well, is that because there's no issues, so 3 therefore there's nothing to talk about, or is that because 4 there's a potential issue about the way the relationship 5 between the council and the relevant executive is 6 operating? And we would want to find that out pretty 7 guickly on the basis of what has transpired at Concord.

9 Q. For the medical staff council to perform the role that 10 it does within the system, would you agree that it's important that there needs to be a bilateral flow of 11 12 information - that is, to the extent that the medical staff council might be raising concerns about resourcing or 13 14 decisions which have been made in relation to the facility, for the system to work well, there needs to be some degree 15 16 of transparency and engagement with the medical staff 17 council in relation to why those decisions were made in the way that they were made so as to give the staff at the 18 19 particular facility a better understanding of it? 20 I think what you want to achieve Α. I broadly agree. 21 with a medical staff council and a hospital executive team, 22 or with the LHD with the executive staff council, is an effective relationship about raising issues that are 23 a source of concern on either side. 24

26 What I would like to see in a cultural sense is that 27 people operate in a way that's consistent with the core 28 values, which means that it's a collaborative process of 29 exploring problematic issues. I think it's important that those are ground rules fundamentally because, you know, 30 31 it's almost a designed intention, right? You've got people 32 with a passion for health care delivery, very often with 33 a research interest in a particular development in where 34 health care goes. They want - they like working at the facility they're at, potentially, and they want it to have 35 36 the best possible level of resourcing to deliver the best possible care that they think is possible in this, you 37 know, current day and age. And that's where you bump into 38 the reality of a budget that has to be managed. And so 39 40 there is almost a designed intention, and it's really 41 important that the parties find a way to work together to resolve that tension. It can be done. We see it work. 42

44 Concord 's an illustration of where it's not continued 45 to work, and you know, that's really the nature of 46 workplace conflict generally, that you have conditions and 47 people in certain circumstances who can find a way to get

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1 out of a wet paper bag, and at other times you don't have 2 the conditions that allow that, either because of some 3 history or because of some disputes on foot that may be 4 industrial in nature or not, or because of some of the 5 individuals concerned not having trusted relationships with 6 people they need to have those with. 7 8 And when you refer to "individuals", I gather you mean Q. 9 individuals on both sides of --10 Α. Absolutely. 11 12 -- discussions, the executive and the medical Q. 13 workforce? Absolutely. 14 Α. 15 16 You mentioned a moment ago the need for the medical Q. 17 staff councils to be conducted in a manner - or ideally to 18 be conducted in a manner consistent with the core values. 19 For the avoidance of doubt, I gather you weren't referring 20 to the document that we've seen up on the screen many times 21 throughout the last three weeks, described as "Core values" 22 of the Sydney LHD, and in particular the highlighted passage which I can show you again if you want, but 23 24 I suspect you know what it says. 25 Α. I've read the passage. I'm referring to the fact 26 that, you know, it's collaboration, openness, respect and 27 empowerment. I've asked for some information from the LHD, 28 from the people and culture area, about their understanding 29 of that document. I know that the Commissioner has had occasion to make observations about what might be called 30 31 "human resources speak". 32 33 Q. I think he was being generous. 34 Α. Above and below the line became a bit of a fashion in human resources thinking - look, it's probably 20 years 35 36 old. What it seeks to do is explore the idea that not every issue of positive action or negative action is 37 absolutely abundantly clear, right, that there's this 38 notion of things that can occur which are either helpful or 39 40 destructive of a workplace culture, but they're not very 41 obvious, right? And so below the line is trying to call 42 those out so that, as much as anything, you give the staff 43 that you're talking to the power to have some empowerment, right? So if there's a document that has been produced 44 45 that says, "This is clearly beyond the pale", great, "but 46 this may be an issue if it's occurring and it's repeated" now, that's what you are trying to do with a document like 47

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1 that. 2 3 I read that passage, I've seen you ask witnesses about 4 I think it's a bit clumsily worded. I think it sort it. 5 of, with other contextual factors, isn't making the point that it likely set out to make. To me, it would have 6 7 been - the subject would have been better traversed in the 8 collaboration part of the table, because, you know, what 9 you're really trying to say is, "If you've got resource 10 conflict, if you've got disputes about priorities, they should be worked through in a collaborative way, and 11 12 a collaborative way looks like this, and these forms of 13 behaviour are not very collaborative and they might be 14 destructive of trust in a relationship". I don't think it did that well. 15 16 17 I also understand that it's not a document still in use, and I've been sent the current slide deck that is the 18 19 sort of hallmark presentation for working through the 20 values with new groups of staff and it's not a feature in 21 that, and I think it is a more sophisticated document that 22 has now been developed. 23 24 Q. We did hear some evidence that medical staff councils 25 tend to be a little bit dormant when there are no major 26 problems at a hospital, in the sense that people tend not 27 to turn up to them, but where problems start brewing, 28 people might start to turn up in larger numbers. Is that 29 a general sense that you have? I think it's unfortunate when they're not 30 I think so. Α. 31 turned up to in good times, and, you know, I think some of 32 our - I think many, if not all, of our chief execs would 33 not be very delighted with a not very well functioning 34 medical staff council. They would know that - you know, they've been in the role long enough to know that if people 35 36 aren't engaged and they're not attending and they're not having a discussion with their executive or defining the 37 issues they want to discuss with the executive, that cannot 38 39 mean that everything is tickety-boo. I mean, they work in 40 the New South Wales health system. They know the So I think, you know, it's probably not 41 challenges. a universally good sign when there's not a high level of 42 43 engagement. Yes, it's going to peak and trough, but it's 44 not good if it's very dormant. 45 46 In terms of giving the medical staff and the medical Q. 47 staff councils that greater sense of being listened to and

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1 particularly in relation to matters that they might be 2 raising where they have come to a different view to that 3 being taken by the executive on issues, do you think there 4 would be utility in having the chairs of each medical staff 5 council within a district appointed as an ex officio member of the board of the local health district? 6 7 There is some history to this one. Α. 8 9 Q. Yes? 10 Α. So I think earlier in the hearings there was 11 a reference to changes that might have occurred. 12 13 Q. I think we've tracked that down now. I think the current position, as we understand it, is the chair of the 14 executive medical staff council is an invited attendee at 15 16 board meetings, but not necessarily the chairs of the 17 medical staff councils at each of the constituent 18 facilities. 19 Yes. But I think it's possible to have the chairs of Α. 20 the medical staff councils. And there has not really been a change in that; it's really just that matters that were 21 22 in a regulation are now in a schedule to the Act. 23 24 So to your question about - you know, like, it's going to come down to context. There have been instances in the 25 time I've been in health where people have, as members of -26 ex officio or whatever, members of a medical staff council, 27 28 have been quite conflicted about what their role is. Is 29 their role to be representative at a board meeting, and is their role to go back and report everything that was said 30 31 at a board meeting? And the board chair might say, "Well, 32 this is a confidential discussion of the board and it's not 33 for general consumption across the whole site." You know, 34 I think my legal branch has had, on occasion, the need to provide advice to either the district or the medical staff 35 member about the context that you're in there. 36 37 So that's why I say context is important. 38 If a member sits on the board in whatever capacity but doesn't feel 39 40 that there are some aspects of the board's deliberations 41 that should be treated confidentially, well, then you're really going to struggle to make that relationship work, 42 43 right? But I think there are instances where people are 44 ex officio members of boards and they get that. And if 45 they wanted to suggest to the board that something really 46 should be shared with either everyone or a portion of the facility workforce, they would seek to make that case in 47

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1 the board meeting. 2 3 So I think it's going to come down a little bit to 4 local personality and colour. 5 I note the time, Commissioner. I've probably 6 MR MUSTON: only got about 15 minutes to go. I'm entirely in your 7 8 hands, but I'm also mindful of the fact that Mr Minns 9 probably has various other demands on his time. 10 Would you prefer - Mr Muston is 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. saying he's only got 15 minutes to go. Will you have any 12 13 questions so far? 14 MR CHENEY: 15 No. 16 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Would you prefer to finish your 18 evidence or take a lunch break? 19 20 THE WITNESS: I would, Commissioner. 21 22 THE COMMISSIONER: Finish? 23 24 THE WITNESS: Yes. 25 26 Let's just keep going then. THE COMMISSIONER: 27 28 MR MUSTON: I want to quickly take you to the Concord Q. 29 situation that we've heard some evidence about through the 30 last two weeks. You're obviously aware of the situation 31 that had developed at that hospital, and that there was 32 a very unhappy section of the medical workforce which had 33 reached the point where it expressed itself through passing 34 a vote of no confidence in the chief executive? But I did not really become aware until 35 Α. I am aware. 36 about a week before the meeting when the agenda, which I think included or attached a proposed motion of no 37 confidence, was emailed in to the ministry. 38 I can't recall the exact date of that, but I think it's about a week 39 40 before the scheduled meeting. 41 42 I gather that having received that information, at Q. 43 least at that point, you weren't in a position to reach any 44 view about what may or may not have gone wrong at Concord 45 to have led to that situation? 46 Yes, I basically had no context. And that's a little Α. 47 bit unusual, I would have to say. When we do have pockets

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of unhappiness about various things, we get a lot of
correspondence, and, you know, it can be to the secretary,
it can sometimes be to me, quite often to the minister,
sometimes to the premier.

When there is, you know, bubbling unhappiness out 6 7 there, it generally finds its way to our door, and it was a 8 little bit - I would also raise another conversation with 9 you that was about two or three weeks later. I was talking to the then president of ASMOF, Dr Sara, and I said "Look, 10 we're in this process of procurement to try and get 11 a resourcing to Concord." I said, "What's your sense of 12 this?" And he said, "Well" - I don't think he had 13 14 a longstanding knowledge of it, and he said, "Well, they're completely split. The clinical community is split down the 15 16 middle and it's not good."

18 So normally I would expect unions to come to me and 19 say, you know, "We've got issues amongst our members at 20 Concord." So I don't know when Dr Sara, you know, came to 21 any clear knowledge of it, but normally I would have 22 expected that if he knew something serious like that was 23 occurring, he would have contacted me.

25 Q. You're aware from the evidence that has been given 26 that a letter was sent to the board expressing the concerns 27 held by at least a proportion of the medical staff at 28 Is that something which, in the ordinary course, Concord. 29 you would expect to be brought to your attention, namely, an attempt to go around the executive and engage directly 30 with the board about concerns? 31 32 Α. That's the October --

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- 34 Q. October.
- 35 A. -- '22 letter? 36

37 Q. Yes. Look, I think it's a case of yes or no. And possibly an issue about seniority and tenure of people, you 38 know, it's very much more likely for a new chief executive 39 40 to our system, someone who has joined us from New Zealand 41 or somebody else, they're probably going to get on the phone much quicker to me about an instance like that than 42 43 some of our other chief execs who have been in roles for 44 seven years plus. 45

46 Q. It's a personal style thing as well, presumably, as to 47 whether one - the chief executive, whether they be long in

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the system or a newcomer from New Zealand, whether they see 1 2 it as a conflict that they want to try and suppress and 3 address locally or whether they see it as a bigger problem that they think they might like to get some assistance from 4 5 the ministry in relation to? And, look, many of the ones who have been in post for 6 Α. 7 a while have faced these sorts of things probably at least 8 once before - perhaps not to the same level and extent, but 9 I'm aware, I think, of at least three instances of either 10 threatened or carried no confidence motions in chief execs. So it is something that is an escalation technique that is 11 12 used, you know, on occasion. 13 It's ultimately a relationship issue or set of issues 14 that has to be resolved locally, and to that end, not 15 16 necessarily involving us is not in itself something that 17 I think is unusual. I think someone who was brand new to 18 our system would probably be more likely to involve the 19 ministry. But even in doing that, we don't sort of sweep 20 in and - or, what is it, fly in, swoop - that's the word 21 I'm looking for - swoop in and, you know, say, "We're going 22 to fix this", because that would just be disruptive to the future relationships on the site. 23 24 25 You know, going back to what I said a good relationship looks like between an MSC and an executive 26 27 team, it's ultimately them who have to fashion that. We 28 can't demand it or decree it or install it, you know. 29 Instead of swooping in, is it the approach that 30 Q. 31 ministry takes that - effectively, in those sorts of issues 32 where there are crises and problems to be managed, you wait 33 to be called, like Mr Wolfe from Pulp Fiction was called? 34 I think that's mostly true, but with some exceptions. Α. 35 In my statement I made reference to one of the key 36 initiatives I set in train not long - well, probably about a year plus after I arrived, and that was the creation of 37 those portals about the complaints system, because when 38 39 I arrived, there was a bit of a list of workplace-related 40 challenges and complaints. It reminded me very much of my 41 post in the defence organisation, and I thought these people - a lot of these people do not understand the 42 43 framework that's in place to try and manage these sorts of 44 matters, and so the essence of the portals was to try and 45 educate people and build consistency about how we dealt 46 with complaint issues. 47

The second initiative that I don't - well, maybe I did 1 reference in my statements, I said, "Look, given that the 2 3 culture in a place is not for the ministry to either 4 mandate or force in, how does the ministry know when there 5 are cultural problems? How do we know when there are cultural problems? How do we try and run a kind of early 6 7 warning system? So that was the second initiative that 8 I tried to launch in 2018. And it's a challenging thing to 9 do, one; and, two, it was manifestly disrupted by COVID. 10 The place where we wanted to do a kind of case study was in the Central Coast, and in the end, because of furlough and 11 12 whatever, we completed the process but we didn't manage to 13 engage with more than half of the staff. 14

15 That remained my advice to the then secretary, that 16 the ministry's got to have a kind of watching intent to use 17 the data sources that we do have, which can be the rumour 18 mill, it can be the unions talking to us, it can be the 19 correspondence that comes in that starts to develop 20 a pattern, it can be the PMES results, such as they are. 21 And we should have a facility and a capability to say, 22 "There's enough smoke around that department in that hospital for us to suggest to the chief executive that 23 24 there needs to be some kind of intervention."

26 Now, we're at the point where we think we've built an 27 analytic tool that delivers against that mission. It's 28 referenced in either mine - I think in mine and in 29 Richard's statement, Mr Griffiths' statement. It is about more granular use by us of the PMES data to go looking for 30 31 patterns of reversal of trend. But we can also look at the 32 ims+ data about incidents, because we know there's 33 a correlation between workplace culture and incidents of 34 potential harm, and global literature points to that.

We can also just, you know, utilise the understanding of the number of cases where we're hearing, either through sources with unions or through correspondence to various people, that there might be an issue at that work unit at that site.

Now, again, we don't want to come in like, you know,
members of a secret service. We want to try and be
helpful, and what we want to do is we want to help people
resolve their own problem. But if they don't have the
skill set or the capability to do it, we're going to
provide them. And that's, in fact, what we did at Concord.

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1 2 Q. Can I take you to the point at which you became 3 involved in the situation at Concord, other than having 4 a vote of no confidence drawn to your attention, was 5 through the intervention which was undertaken by --ProActive ReSolutions. 6 Α. 7 8 Q. -- ProActive ReSolutions? 9 Α. Yes, it's a name I struggle to remember as well. 10 It's the excessive use of capitals, I think, that 11 Q. confuses me. And Mr McDonald, John McDonald, was the 12 13 individual from that organisation who was the 14 principal driver? I think he's the principal. 15 Α. 16 17 MR MUSTON: Could I ask that the witness be shown a copy of exhibit H8. 18 I don't want this to be brought up on to 19 the screen. I intend to deal with these particular 20 documents in hard copy so as to afford the ministry an 21 opportunity to make a non-publication order in relation to 22 them as they contain some information which would enable 23 people to identify individuals. At this stage, I don't need --24 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Just before you do, then, my apologies, 26 if it's not coming up on the screen, but I understand that 27 28 completely. 29 30 I have a copy for you, if that helps. MR MUSTON: 31 32 THE COMMISSIONER: Right, thanks. 33 34 MR MUSTON: I think I can deal with this in a way that doesn't require the feed to be cut, but I, just for the 35 36 avoidance of doubt, we don't want anything up on the screen in terms of these documents, which I will identify, though, 37 so that we all know what we're talking about. 38 39 40 Q. You have a folder in front of you called "Exhibit H8". 41 Could I ask you to go to H8.3, the third tab in that 42 You see there an email commencing at the foot of folder. 43 page 2, in which a view is expressed about what might be 44 seen as the root cause or a root cause of the problem that 45 developed at Concord. Having received that information, 46 did you or anyone from within the ministry do anything in particular in relation to it, to address that, what was 47

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1 perceived to be the problem? 2 Α. I'm just reading it through. 3 4 Q. Have particularly in mind the second sentence in the 5 first paragraph - third sentence. I should say. 6 What my orientation was at the time was to allow this Α. 7 process of intervention to proceed and to flourish, and to 8 not have it sort of - not have barriers put in its way from 9 any quarter. 10 11 What I would say about the intervention that we 12 executed with ProActive - and I say this based on historical consulting work that I have done, both in a sort 13 14 of smaller organisation that was focused on industrial mediation and culture back early in my career, and then 15 16 more recently when I was with a large global HR consultancy 17 where I, at times, would be involved in board-related 18 mediation matters - when you've got a scenario where trust 19 appears to have been lost, and relationships are pretty 20 plainly broken, if you're the party going in as proActive, 21 it's - you're only going to get traction if you listen and 22 you appear to be, as a result of listening, an advocate for 23 the voices that you've heard. 24 This email was not a piece of advocacy directed at any 25 Q. 26 of the voices being heard but, rather, a view being 27 expressed to you about what listening to the voices on both 28 sides of that debate had told him and the conclusions he'd 29 reached from it? But that would be my point, that when you receive that 30 Α. 31 one side of the set of issues, what you're trying to do 32 from there is get the other side, when I've done this work 33 historically. And you're then trying to say to people, 34 "Well, is there a shared context here? Is that really the intent that you think was the intent? Is there a lack of 35 36 trust here by circumstance and, you know, unhappy accident?" 37 38 So to me, it's - we're in October. 39 I'm - the really 40 important thing when you do this work is that you're an 41 advocate but you are trying to get a bridge happening between the parties that are effectively in conflict, and 42 43 to me, reaching that view is not within the brief, and it's 44 without procedural fairness to reach it without due 45 processes. And so I'm aware of it, but to me, the way 46 forward is still to complete the process that has been 47 designed.

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1 2 Q. Accepting --3 4 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry to interrupt. Perhaps because it 5 is not on the screen, I've lost the - which is the exact part of this that you are directing the witness's attention 6 7 to? 8 9 MR MUSTON: Tab H8.3, and there is an email of 23 October 10 2023, which commences --11 At 11.27pm, that one? 12 THE COMMISSIONER: 13 14 MR MUSTON: Yes. 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: I see. Commencing, "Phil"? 17 That's the email that I'm trying to 18 MR MUSTON: Yes. obliquely engage with Mr Minns about. 19 20 21 THE COMMISSIONER: Thanks. 22 Accepting that, taking any sort of 23 MR MUSTON: Q. 24 draconian action in respect of the views which had been 25 expressed without affording procedural fairness to those 26 who might be affected by that action - was any step taken 27 by you or anyone else in the ministry to work out whether 28 the view which had been reached was right - that is, the 29 view expressed in the 23 October email. 30 31 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, what's the view? 32 33 MR MUSTON: The view referred to in the final sentence of 34 the first paragraph. 35 36 THE COMMISSIONER: Got it. Right. Okay. Yes, thank you. 37 Sorry. 38 So we did not initiate any kind of 39 THE WITNESS: 40 substantive review process with respect to that remark, and 41 it's partly about procedural fairness and the fact that this is a - you know, it's an opinion. I had enough 42 43 information from other sources to suggest that the way in 44 which responsibility is being apportioned there is not 45 reasonable, and so if I was to do something substantive in 46 that matter, I would be effectively cutting across the nature of the initiative that we had put in place. 47 So, you

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know, at the time, I would have noted that, it doesn't 1 2 completely accord with my view, although I accept - you 3 know, it's a bit like when we talked about, you know, you 4 mutually contribute to these scenarios. That was the view 5 I held then. It's still a view that I hold. 6 Q. You referred to the --7 8 9 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. When was ProActive first engaged? 10 Α. This email says they commenced their work 17 July, the first meetings commencing 19 July. 11 12 13 Q. So accepting you have a disagreement with the view 14 that's being expressed in that last sentence of the first paragraph of this email, it's nevertheless a view that's 15 16 being expressed by Mr McDonald/ProActive after several 17 months of investigation, for want of a better expression? Well, I think the expression is an important one, 18 Α. 19 Commissioner. So I've initiated these sorts of things 20 before, and the language I used might be seen as a little 21 bit odd, but I call it an intervention because that's what 22 it is, it's a circuit-breaking --23 24 Q. Is there a letter of engagement? Α. There is. 25 26 27 MR MUSTON: There is. It's not in this bundle. 28 29 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. And that uses the word "intervention" does it, or --30 31 My memory would be that it did, but certainly any --Α. 32 MR MUSTON: 33 Restorative process, I think, was the phrase. 34 THE COMMISSIONER: 35 Q. Was the purpose of ProActive to be 36 to conduct some form of independent intervention? 37 Α. An independent --38 They're engaged by the ministry? 39 Q. 40 Α. Yes, an independent intervention to try and restore 41 relationships, that kind of thing. 42 43 Tell me - and please, I may be misunderstanding this -Q. 44 if they're independent, it does strike me as - I know we're 45 not dealing with this sentence, but it strikes me as 46 immediately curious why they would be drafting notes for the board chair. It sounds not independent. 47

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Well, I think - and, you know, the record I hope can 1 Α. be found to support this, Commissioner, but my memory is 2 that Mr McDonald thought it was critical that matters be 3 4 put to the board and the board make some kind of response 5 and --6 7 Q. So it was a necessary part of the intervention? 8 Α. Yes, yes. 9 THE COMMISSIONER: 10 I see. 11 12 MR MUSTON: Q. Can I ask you to go over to H8.5. You will see in there there's a document dated 13 November 13 2023? 14 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Have you had any discussion with 17 Mr Cheney about - is this tendered or --18 MR MUSTON: It will be tendered. 19 20 21 THE COMMISSIONER: All of it? 22 23 MR MUSTON: All of it. But I anticipate - and the reason 24 I'm being a bit oblique about this is because --25 26 THE COMMISSIONER: You will make some application that parts of it should be subject to a non-publication order? 27 28 29 MR CHENEY: Yes, Commissioner. 30 I've read it before and I'm not 31 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. 32 surprised. Yes. 33 34 MR MUSTON: I guessed. Instead of having a debate about that now, having regard to the time, I thought it quicker 35 36 just to deal with it obliquely. 37 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, that's fine. 38 39 40 MR MUSTON: Q. You see some of the concerns or 41 conclusions which have been raised in the third paragraph of that document. Do you have a recollection --42 43 44 THE COMMISSIONER: So we're looking at the paragraph 45 "Everyone we listen to"? 46 47 MR MUSTON: "Everyone we listen to", yes.

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1 THE COMMISSIONER: 2 Thanks. 3 4 MR MUSTON: Q. Again, that tends to reinforce the view which had been expressed in that earlier October email 5 about some of the root causes of the problem, but again, 6 7 would the position be the same: having received this, the 8 process was still rolling through? 9 Α. By November, the process is starting to generate some 10 So if you look at the table, you know, three results. items on page 1, "Significant progress" against "Remote 11 working", "Flexible working arrangements", "Communication". 12 13 14 Just looking at the table, if we turn to page 3, it Q. 15 should be the third row down --16 Page 3 of the table? Α. 17 18 Page 3 of the document, so if you look at the top Q. 19 right-hand corner, there is a number 0003? 20 Α. Yes. 21 22 And we're dealing with radiology there, but without Q. reading it out, do you see the third row in that table, 23 24 commencing "Relationship"? 25 Α. Yes. 26 That raises some issues which presumably were 27 Q. 28 concerning to --29 Α. So which - just redirect me to the sentence again? 30 31 Q. Do you see --32 33 THE COMMISSIONER: "There was not a single person" - is 34 that it there? 35 MR MUSTON: 36 Yes. 37 38 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes. 39 40 MR MUSTON: Q. Was any action, and I don't necessarily mean - well, was any further investigation or any steps 41 42 taken in response to that information insofar as you are 43 aware? 44 No substantive investigation process. Α. There is 45 something that occurred, but I would prefer that it was not 46 described in open session. 47

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1 Q. Maybe you could provide us with a short supplementary 2 statement which addresses that, and we could have a debate 3 about whether or not a non-publication order ought be made 4 in relation to it, if that's convenient to everyone. 5 Can I just say, without unduly 6 THE COMMISSIONER: interrupting - I think I will say this: if you go to 7 8 page 9, this is to help Mr Cheney, there is a section 9 described "VIP Patients", and some commentary with an 10 update - sorry, there's some commentary in the column "Update" and then a comment. 11 12 13 You - and I know it was deliberate choice - didn't put 14 I don't think it falls within any of that to Dr Anderson. the Inquiry's terms of reference, we're not investigating 15 16 that. In those circumstances, my preference would be, 17 rather than making a non-publication order, that at least that row is not part of the tender, given - if you have 18 a different view, please feel free to tell me, but --19 20 21 MR MUSTON: Can I take that question on notice? 22 THE COMMISSIONER: 23 You can take it on notice, yes. A11 24 I'm saying is there are two options with that, one is 25 non-publication, the other is if a decision is made, it 26 hasn't been put to the witness, and it would have to be --27 28 MR MUSTON: It would have to be. I intentionally did not 29 put it to the witness. 30 THE COMMISSIONER: 31 I know. 32 33 MR MUSTON: And I certainly do not intend at any point to 34 invite you to reach any conclusion about whether what is 35 said there is right or wrong. 36 37 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, and I'd have to be satisfied it's part of the terms of reference for it to actually be part 38 of the tender, because if it's not, I think the proper 39 40 process would be that it's not part of the tender, rather 41 than making a non-publication order, but I'm happy to hear 42 further from you on that later and from Mr Cheney on that We'll move on. 43 later. 44 45 MR MUSTON: I'm perfectly content to deal with it in that 46 way. 47

1 THE COMMISSIONER: I just raise that because there might 2 be other parts that fall within the same category and we 3 can debate that later rather than holding Mr Minns up. 4 5 MR MUSTON: Q. Perhaps the most efficient way of dealing there's a constellation of information which 6 with it is: 7 has been conveyed to you through this document, much of 8 which, no doubt, are matters that you and the ministry were 9 in some way concerned about? 10 Α. (Witness nods). 11 12 Q. Would that be right? 13 Α. Look, everything that flowed under the bridge at 14 Concord was a source of some concern. 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. That's simply because a vote of no confidence in a chief executive of an LHD is a big deal, to 17 18 put it mildly? 19 It's a big deal but it's happened before, when it's Α. 20 not had any material consequence, because in that instance 21 it was so clearly linked to a kind of dispute issue. 22 It might be a big deal, but some are bigger 23 Q. Yes. 24 deals than others? I think that's true. 25 Α. 26 27 The most efficient way of dealing with this MR MUSTON: 28 might be if Mr Minns were to - my question is going to be: "What was done by the ministry in response to the receipt 29 of this information?" I gather the answer to that will be 30 31 consistent with or at least involving in part the process 32 that has been alluded to that might appear to be the 33 subject, or might at least be sought to be the subject of 34 a non-publication order, and I'm content for that to be dealt with in writing, if that's convenient to everybody, 35 36 and in doing so --37 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I didn't mean to short-cut what 38 you're doing by raising the concern I had about what's on 39 40 page 9. So you continue in the way you want to. 41 42 MR MUSTON: Insofar as short cuts are concerned, I've now 43 taken 30 of my 15 minutes. So I am happy to shortcut 44 myself. 45 46 The last document I want to take you to is H8.7. Q. Do 47 you see there there's an email of 14 March 2024 at 5.04pm,

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1 which --2 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Can I just ask a question, though, 4 a general question about this document. 5 In a general sense, it certainly doesn't convey any 6 Q. 7 opinion that the problems at Concord hospital were the 8 fault of the medical staff council, does it? That's not 9 the conclusion you would reach by reading this document? 10 No, but we did have conversations with ProActive about Α. the behaviour of the medical staff council, which don't 11 feature in those reports. 12 13 14 Well, I'm only asking you about this document. Q. Ιt 15 doesn't? 16 Α. Mmm. 17 18 MR MUSTON: Going to the document which is H8.7, the Q. 19 email of 14 March 2024 at 5.04pm, if I could just invite 20 you to read --21 Α. At 5.04? 22 At 5.04. You see there's an email at the top, 3.22, 23 Q. 24 but if you go immediately below that to about the second --25 Α. I've got that. 26 -- at point two on the page, there's an email there at 27 Q. 28 5.04pm. Do you see that one, 14 March 2024? 29 30 THE COMMISSIONER: Which part of that email are we looking 31 at? 32 33 MR MUSTON: I'm particularly interested in asking 34 a question about the first two paragraphs. 35 36 THE COMMISSIONER: So starting with "The advice"? Right. 37 MR MUSTON: "The advice". 38 39 40 THE COMMISSIONER: Thanks. 41 42 MR MUSTON: Q. May we take it from that, by 14 March you 43 and those in the ministry who were dealing with this 44 problem, had come to accept the views which had earlier 45 been expressed by Mr McDonald about the root causes of the 46 problems which had emerged at Concord? Sorry, I didn't follow that. 47 Α.

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1 2 May we gather from the first two paragraphs of that Q. 3 email that you, by that stage - that is, by March 2024 -4 had come to accept the view which had earlier been 5 expressed in the document behind tab H3 as to the likely root cause of the problems which had emerged at Concord? 6 7 I don't think my statement in those two paragraphs Α. 8 references that issue at all. What had happened in the 9 final meeting that we held with ProActive, myself and the 10 secretary, was a not unexpected suggestion from ProActive about a further series of engagements to do more work. 11 12 13 I think that work is well described by the phrase - so 14 he talked about a series of capability building workshops 15 that were about relational capabilities, and what I was 16 getting back to here was what we need to see happen at 17 Concord now, as I say, I think, on the second page, is that the exec at Concord needs to own this summary document, 18 19 it's not a ProActive document, it's an action and intention 20 document owned by the executive, they have to get into the 21 driving seat and implement that, and that the observation 22 that emerged out of the commentary from the two people who we'd seconded in to Concord, they're mentioned in the 23 24 bullet points --25 26 THE COMMISSIONER: What does a "101 team management Q. 27 intervention" mean? What's your understanding about that? 28 I don't know where "101" comes from, but it's sort of Α. 29 like, you know, essential basics. 30 31 MR MUSTON: It's a first-year subject 32 33 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's right. 34 MR MUSTON: That's where it came from. 35 36 37 THE COMMISSIONER: That's the only part of it I understand. 38 39 40 Q. But in terms of "a team management intervention", 41 that's 101, what do you mean by that? They need a basic level of intervention or --42 43 Α. We needed them to come together, work as a team, and 44 make sure that they were utterly focused on implementing the actions in that final action plan. Because, as I put 45 46 to the GM, I think, when I spoke with him - I'm a bit fuzzy on this - I said, "Concord will recover or it won't 47

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1 recover, based on whether or not implementation occurs in 2 line with this plan, and where it can't occur, there's 3 really clear communication about why." And it was a joint 4 observation of mine and Mr Daly, the deputy secretary for patient - for system performance and patient experience and 5 sustainability, I think. It was a joint observation that 6 7 it wasn't a given that that was necessarily going to occur. 8 So it was how do we support that? And my view to 9 ProActive was, "You're talking about a skill level that's, 10 you know, elevated from that. Let's get this basic thing happening." 11 12 13 Q. What about the second paragraph commencing, "In 14 essence", that Mr Muston took you to? I have in my mind what I think, based on the words you're using, a fairly 15 16 clear idea of what you mean, but this is your chance to 17 tell me whether I'm wrong. What do you - what did you mean 18 by that paragraph? 19 I mean, it really is that issue about ownership, Α. 20 Commissioner, that, "You've got to, as a team, now gel and 21 step up and accept that the accountability is on your team, 22 led by the acting GM, to go and implement these actions, because that will be where you either succeed or fail." 23 24 25 It was the observation particularly, from memory, from 26 Mr Daly that he felt that they needed some support for that 27 to happen, and my memory of this is - but perhaps it's a 28 little unclear - I think Mr Daly discussed with the GM, the 29 acting GM, another consulting resource to do that team-building work. 30 31 32 I would take it to mean - you tell me if I'm wrong -Q. 33 that what you're expressing there is that the management 34 team needs some work - do some work or receive some 35 assistance - to operate at the level they should. Is that 36 fair? 37 Α. I think to say to receive some support to operate at that level, yes, that was my intended meaning. 38 39 40 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 41 42 MR MUSTON: Those are my questions for this witness, Commissioner. 43 44 45 Can I just say, having thought briefly on the issue 46 you raised earlier in relation to the table in the document behind H8.5, whilst the correctness or otherwise, in a 47 .7/08/2024 (46)

substantive sense, of what's referred to next to that in
the column or the row commencing "VIP Patients" that you've
drawn our attention to probably doesn't matter - that is to
say, it will be no part of this process to invite you to
reach a view about whether that did or didn't happen.

7 The fact that that, amongst the constellation of 8 concerns and issues raised, was brought to the attention of 9 the ministry through that document and the way in which the 10 ministry dealt responsively to the issue which was 11 unfolding and the information provided probably is, and so 12 in producing the document that is to be produced explaining 13 the ministry's response to this information and the steps that were taken, just for the avoidance of doubt, it ought 14 15 not be assumed that matters which, on their face, might 16 not - the correctness or otherwise of them - be considered 17 part of the work of this Commission, nevertheless are, to 18 the extent that the response of the ministry to them and the response of the local - the way in which it might have 19 20 assisted the local health district in dealing with them, or 21 not, we would say, is plainly relevant.

23 THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR MUSTON: On that basis, we would say it probably does need to be tendered, but I would have no issue at all or could not oppose an application for a non-publication order in respect of at least that, if not more.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. But before we take any of
 those routes, would you like some time to consider what
 Mr Muston just put?

MR CHENEY: Not the last part, Commissioner. I think what just fell from Mr Muston is reasonable.

37 THE COMMISSIONER: You are content with that?

39 MR CHENEY: Yes.

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41 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay, that's what we will do.

43 MR CHENEY: May I ask, then, in the treatment of that
44 bundle, whether, at least as an interim measure, you would
45 make a non-publication order in respect of all of it until
46 we have an opportunity to --

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1 THE COMMISSIONER: I can make a time-limited order. Ιs 2 there any problem with that? 3 4 MR MUSTON: I think the easier course might be - we all know what it is - I can just defer. I'll defer the tender 5 of it. 6 7 8 THE COMMISSIONER: Why don't we defer the tender, first, 9 yes, that's the best idea. You two can discuss what an 10 agreed position is, assuming you can reach an agreed position, and then you can just let me know. 11 12 13 MR MUSTON: Could the document which I have been referring 14 to, exhibit H8, be MFI17. 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. The folder of documents that is exhibit H8 called "Concord hospital documents" will 17 18 be MFI17 19 20 MFI #17 FOLDER OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBIT H8, HEADED "CONCORD 21 HOSPITAL DOCUMENTS" 22 THE COMMISSIONER: The tender is deferred until I hear 23 24 from counsel about how to approach the tender. 25 Thank you, Commissioner. 26 MR CHENEY: 27 28 THE COMMISSIONER: All right, Mr Minns - sorry, you 29 didn't have any questions? 30 31 MR CHENEY: I have no questions. 32 Mr Minns, thank you very much for your 33 THE COMMISSIONER: 34 We're very grateful and you are excused, at least time. 35 for now. 36 Thank you, Commissioner. 37 THE WITNESS: 38 <THE WITNESS WITHDREW 39 40 THE COMMISSIONER: 41 We will adjourn until Thursday next 42 week somewhere down south. 43 44 MR MUSTON: In Batemans Bay. 45 46 THE COMMISSIONER: Batemans Bay, is it? 47

1	MR MUSTON: Batemans Bay, I think.
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3	THE COMMISSIONER: We will adjourn until 10am in Batemans
4	Bay next Thursday. Adjourn until then, thank you.
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