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Dear Ms Thompson

Thank you for your email regarding your concerns with the National Disability Insurance Scheme's hourly rate for continence assessment. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Your letter raises a number of matters about the NDIS hourly rate for professional services and I appreciate the Continence Nurses Society Australia Inc and the Victorian Branch's interest in these matters.

The Andrews Labor Government has consistently argued that prices should be fair and equitable, and reflect the true cost of service delivery. In its submission to the Productivity Commission Review of NDIS costs, Victoria specifically highlighted its concern about the adequacy of pricing of continence support. The Productivity Commission released its final report on 19 October 2017.

Separately, the National Disability Insurance Agency has commissioned McKinsey and Company to undertake an Independent Pricing Review of Supports. The Review will assess the NDIA's pricing strategy and approach, as well as specific price settings for supports and services. Further information about this review can be found at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/letter-to-ndia-registered-providers.html>

The government will continue to work with the Commonwealth Government to ensure a smooth transition to the NDIS for people with a disability.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Martin Foley MP

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