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Date: 16 January 2018 at 10:39:57 am AEDT
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Abortion

Hi [REDACTED] just want to check something with you. I think the news coverage around abortions has been a bit confused if my information is correct...

As far as I was aware, public hospitals do perform surgical abortions, where the mother is at risk, so they require review and approval, and are only undertaken if deemed necessary. And it has to be signed off by the Medical Director or CEO. Is that accurate?

So, the current news is around elective abortions and how they can be done safely. I just think it's probably worth me doing a little explainer on that. Can you get me some lines around that?

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (DPaC)

From: [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 4:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Abortion

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Hey ya, Yep – [REDACTED] did pass it onto me. However, as it's an operational matter, I've sent it to [REDACTED] I've touched base with him though and you should get a response shortly, Cheers, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@fairfaxmedia.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 4:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Abortion

Hey [REDACTED] how are you going with that abortion info? [REDACTED] said you were chasing it for me...

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Subject: Abortions

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Hi [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] away at the minute or should I be contacting her? Just wanted to follow up on the abortion stuff - [REDACTED] sent me the line below. Just wanted to put the question to the minister in relation to calls for public hospital abortions to be extended to elective as well.

Women's groups say they fear for women's lives and safety and that we could see backyard abortions occur again if its not remedied. Is the government considering changing the restrictions currently in place for hospital abortions?

If so, what sort of timeframe will there be for a decision?

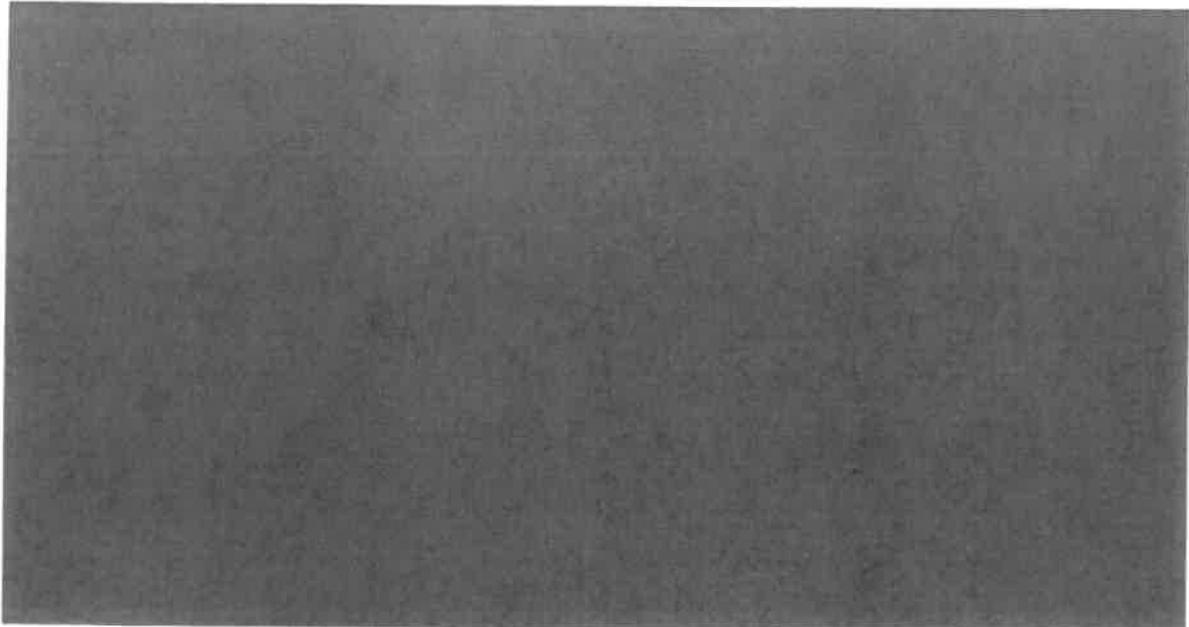
If not, is the current solution to cover the travel costs for women going to be a long-term solution or is the government working on other options?

THS response:

"The Tasmanian Health Service will only perform a surgical termination in situations where there are clear medical grounds for it to occur including the woman being in danger."

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From: [redacted]@news.com.au
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2018 9:42 AM
To: [redacted]@dpac.tas.gov.au
Subject: abortion access

Hi [redacted]
I'm writing a story for Sat paper about access to abortion in Tasmania. Has anything changed re women needing to go to melbourne for surgical terminations?
regards



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From: Glynis Flower <glynis@womenshealthtas.org.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 February 2018 12:32 PM
To: will.hodgman@parliament.tas.gov.au
Cc: [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Attachments: Letter to Premier.pdf
Categories: Caretaker - refer to Laura

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Please find attached an important letter to the Premier please draw his attention to it and acknowledge receipt
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13 February 2018

Premier Hodgman
15 Murray St,
Hobart
TAS 7000

Dear Mr Hodgman

I am writing to clarify the situation regarding access to surgical termination of pregnancy in Tasmania.

I understand you have stated your opposition to the delivery of the service within the public hospitals, despite the inequity of this decision. I believe you have stated private provision of services is a preference for your Government. This policy does not solve the access issue. The cost of private services is prohibitive. It also requires access to the information about the providers of those services; information which most providers do not want to make public.

It also doesn't take into account the fact the law allows self referral and yet the recommendation from your government is go to your GP. This would therefore require women to have the funds to pay for another appointment, since it is almost impossible to get a bulk billed appointment with a GP in Tasmania. There are also many GPs who have closed their books to new patients.

We have been working very cooperatively throughout January and into this month to

- Inform women there are options although limited; and
- Cooperate with your own office and various sections of DHHS to gather more detailed information on alternative strategies.

We have been selective in accepting media requests because we do not want to alarm women or cause the rise of the level of debate this topic arouses. We also believe what medical procedures a woman accesses should not be the topic for electioneering. However we have had to counter the statement which state or imply there are plenty of options for women. Options are limited and expensive.

Although we welcome the increased speed of processing patient transport, it is not the best option for most women. It is always difficult to undertake any surgical procedure even when you are close to family and supports. To send women interstate is unkind and expensive, when the service could easily be available in Tasmania. Transport costs do not cover all expenses associated with such a trip. Additionally it is still going to be covered by Tasmanians in the long run at a greater expense.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you personally. I am interstate from today but available at any time of day next week.

This is not about supporting one side of politics it is about supporting women.

Yours sincerely

Glynis Flower

Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glynis Flower", written over the typed name.

[REDACTED] (DPaC)

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From: [REDACTED] (DPaC) [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 5:55 AM
To: Glynis Flower
Cc: will.hodgman@parliament.tas.gov.au
Subject: Re: 13

Categories: Link to existing corro

Thanks Glynis, I acknowledge receipt of letter, and I'll give you a call, regards, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Feb 2018, at 12:32 pm, Glynis Flower <glynis@womenshealthtas.org.au> wrote:

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Sent: Monday, 5 March 2018 1:27 PM
To: will.hodgman@parliament.tas.gov.au; [Redacted] (DPaC)
Subject: re the Premier's response

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[REDACTED] (DPaC)

From: [REDACTED]@abc.net.au
Sent: Monday, 12 March 2018 11:26 AM
To: [REDACTED] (DPaC); [REDACTED] (DPaC); [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Subject: RE: Abortion story



Hi

I suppose this makes sense with the 16 week – two doctor sign off.

When I did a story on abortion recently [REDACTED] from family planning said there was only one person who went to Melbourne recently and that was for a late term abortion – which this would be classified as

I'll call later today if PM wants a story

Cheers

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 12 March 2018 11:03 AM
To: [REDACTED] (DPaC); [REDACTED] (DPaC); [REDACTED] (DPaC)
[REDACTED] (DPaC)
Subject: Abortion story

Hi,

I'm wondering what kind of access women in Tasmania have to abortions in the private system – we have been reporting at the ABC that it's \$2,500 for an abortion in the private system. This article has been in Buzzfeed news - https://www.buzzfeed.com/ginarushton/this-woman-paid-thousands-of-dollars-to-fly-interstate-for?utm_term=.iqK2nr0ok#.kw2EWJmQG

Why would someone fly to Melbourne for an abortion that costs more money – that doesn't make sense when it wasn't a late term abortion – ie later than Tasmanian law allows.

Can the government explain exactly what options Tasmanian women have at the moment for abortion?

Thanks

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
Journalist
[REDACTED]
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M [REDACTED]



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Sent: Tuesday, 13 March 2018 2:17 PM
To: will.hodgman@parliament.tas.gov.au; [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: meeting

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To: [REDACTED] (DPaC) [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]@fpt.asn.au>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@thelink.org.au>
Subject: FW: re the Premier's response

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Sent: Thursday, 15 March 2018 4:48 PM
To: 'glynis@womenshealthtas.org.au'
Subject: RE: re the Premier's response

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Good afternoon Glynis

Thank you for your email below. I wanted to touch base briefly to assure you that we have your request, currently with the Premier, and will get back to you as soon as possible with a date. We certainly are in caretaker as you have indicated however will soon be in a position to move forward with business as usual in the coming week.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED] (DPaC)

From: [REDACTED] (DPaC)
Sent: Friday, 23 March 2018 11:56 AM
To: 'glynis'
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED | Premier to meet with Glynis Flower, Thur. 5 Apr 2018, Ref#M18/6423

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Thanks Glynis, much appreciated.

Kind regards

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Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 5:11 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DPaC) [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: CONFIRMED | Premier to meet with Glynis Flower, Thur. 5 Apr 2018, Ref#M18/6423

I will be there with [REDACTED] from The LinkYouth Health Centre and [REDACTED] from Family Planning [REDACTED]. I happened to be in a meeting with them when your message came through. Delighted. Thank you for your efforts. Glynis Flower WHT

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY S5 on the Telstra Mobile network

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From: [REDACTED] (DPaC)" [REDACTED]@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Date: 22/03/2018 3:27 pm (GMT+10:00)
To: glynis <glynis@womenshealthtas.org.au>
Subject: CONFIRMED | Premier to meet with Glynis Flower, Thur. 5 Apr 2018, Ref#M18/6423

Thank you Glynis

I have confirmed this meeting. Please advise in due course, who will accompany you to the meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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Subject: TENTATIVE | Premier to meet with Glynis Flower, Thur. 5 Apr 2018, Ref#M18/6423

Good afternoon Glynis

Thank you for your request to meet with the Premier and also for your patience as we worked to finalising/swearing in our new Government just yesterday. The Premier welcomes the opportunity to meet with you and I would therefore like to check your availability to meet on Thursday 5 April from 9am – 9:30am. The meeting will be held in the Premier's office located on level 11, 15 Murray Street and the Premier will be joined by his Senior Adviser [REDACTED]

I will hold this date and timing as tentative and look forward to hearing from you to confirm your availability and advise who will be attending with you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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