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Dear Mr Lavery 

**RE: STANDING COUNCIL ON HEALTH AGENDA ITEM –  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF  
HEALTH**

I refer to your letter of 14 February 2014 about the Standing Council on Health (SCoH) agenda item relating to the endorsement of chronic disease reduction recommendations.

The South Australian Department for Health and Ageing (the Department) welcomes a national discussion on the recommendations arising from the Senate Inquiry into Australia's response to the World Health Organization's report "Closing the gap in a generation".

South Australia has a strong history of action on the social determinants of health and is well positioned to progress this work through the implementation of the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* and the systematisation of the Health in All Policies approach across government.

For further information on the activities being undertaken in South Australia that are supportive of the social determinants of health, please contact Ms Julie Patterson, Director, Public Health Partnerships Branch on telephone (08) 8226 7029.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Laverty

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2014, in relation to the endorsement of chronic disease reduction recommendations at the upcoming Standing Committee on Health (SCoH) meeting in April.

Your advocacy for addressing the social determinants of health is appreciated and I am glad to hear that the secretariat has placed this important item on the SCoH agenda.

Thank you for the background information supplied in your letter and on your web-site and for your offer to assist. Successfully addressing the social determinants of health will require a partnership approach and I look forward to working with the Alliance and its members to achieve better health outcomes for Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

**Mark West**  
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Dear Mr Laverty

I refer to your letter of 14 February 2014 concerning a Standing Council on Health (SCoH) agenda item regarding the endorsement of chronic disease reduction recommendations.

I note that this issue will be discussed at the April 2014 SCoH meeting and wish to thank you for sending background information to assist my staff in preparing briefing materials.

I look forward to reading the recommendations which arise from the meeting.

Yours sincerely

  
Professor Bryant Stokes  
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Dear Mr Laverty

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2014 regarding consideration by the Standing Council on Health of recommendations on measures to address the social determinants of health.

As you may be aware, the interaction and impact of the social determinants of health is acknowledged in key strategies and frameworks on which the Victorian Government's health service and preventive health planning is founded; for example the Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012-2022 Health Plans, and the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2011-2015.

I thank you for the background information and further sources the Alliance has provided on the matters canvassed by the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs in its consideration of Australia's domestic response to the *Closing the gap within a generation* report.

Yours sincerely

Lance Wallace  
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Dear Mr Laverty

*Martin*

**Re: Standing Council on Health agenda item re: endorsement of chronic disease reduction recommendations**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 February 2014 in relation to the upcoming Standing Council on Health meeting, to be held 11 April 2014.

I note that your earlier letter to Standing Council on Health members, dated 7 January 2014, has been added to the correspondence section of the next face to face meeting. The addition of this agenda item will enable all Health Ministers to discuss the recommendations of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance regarding the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs inquiry report.

NSW Health acknowledges the importance of addressing the social determinants of health in order to achieve lasting health improvements. Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mary Foley  
Secretary

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