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Dear Ms Jackson

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your email of 25 June 2014 to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, concerning a scheme of administration for the Health Services Union.

I am very concerned to hear your allegations of ongoing corruption and misconduct in the Health Services Union. As you are aware, the Australian Government is committed to stamping out such behaviour in registered organisations to ensure that members' fees are used to properly and transparently advance their interests. That is why the Government initiated the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption and has introduced the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014.

At this stage, the Government considers that, notwithstanding the case you have made for immediate action, the appropriate course is to await the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Government.

Yours sincerely


ERIC ABETZ