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Dear Ms Crawford,

RE: Intern Appointment Expert Group | Communiqué about outcomes

I am writing on behalf of the Adelaide Medical Students' Society (AMSS) regarding the internships allocation process for 2018 and the Communiqué from the Intern Appointment Expert Group.

For obvious reasons, the allocation of internship places has been a significant concern for students for the past few years. There is particular concern among the current graduating cohort who face the real possibility of a shortage of internship placements for domestic, Commonwealth supported students. The primary issue at hand is whether there will be an adequate number of positions for all domestic students and if not, how the allocation of positions will be determined.

Whilst the communiqué highlights changes already implemented for the 2017 intern allocations and issues that need further input and discussion, it does not indicate direct and tangible outcomes or provide meaningful information as to the impact on the current final-year cohort. Given that the usual time-period for applications is approximately 3 months away, the AMSS on behalf of the student body, requests more direct confirmation of the outcomes and how these will affect the 2018 Intern intake. As such, the AMSS asks the following questions of SAMET:

- What capacity exists within the Local Health Networks, to expand the number of available internships further from those available in 2017?
- What is the likelihood that merit selection will be implemented in any form for the 2018 intern intake (current final-year students)?
- Have any specific elements of such a selection process been decided? If not, what elements are under consideration?
- If these questions cannot be answered at this time, at what stage (ie with how much notice for current final-year students) will information be available?

Any information you can provide will be appreciated in this stressful time for our final year students. I would be happy to organise a meeting to discuss further.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.



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