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Dr Ian Holland
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Community Affairs References Committee
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Dear Dr Holland

Inquiry into the Funding and Administration of Mental Health Services

Thank you for bringing to our attention the comments raised about *beyondblue* in one of the Inquiry submissions. We have fully considered the issue and have endeavored to provide a response.

It was difficult to respond in more depth without the specific details of the incident referred to by the complainant. *beyondblue* supports a range of community training and professional development initiatives, which are all delivered by external providers. A summary of the individual initiatives is outlined in the attachment. The requirements for participation for each program varies according to the nature and purpose of the course, however, we were unable to identify any programs that would exclude a registered psychologist. None of our sponsored training programs discriminate between 'generalist' or 'clinical' psychologists.

beyondblue is unable to respond to the issues raised in relation to the Australian Psychological Society (APS), I trust that they will provide the Inquiry with any further information required.

I hope that this letter and attached information resolves the issues raised and thank you again for providing *beyondblue* with the opportunity to address these concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures: Supplementary Submission

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