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3 October 2003

Mr Elton Humphery  
Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on Medicare  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Humphery

At my appearance before the Committee I undertook to provide the Committee with further details on a number of issues, including an update of public and private hospital utilisation and the income levels of the insured population.

These and other questions are dealt with in the attached supplementary submission which also estimates that the cost to governments of removing the 30-percent rebate could range up to \$5 billion for hospital services alone, not counting the disruption that would occur to our overall health care system.

I apologise for the delay but some of this detail required considerable time to obtain and analyse.

I hope the Committee will find this information worthy of inclusion in its report as it confirms the benefits of the 30-percent rebate to our health care system.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the most up to date and reliable data available.

Yours sincerely  
**RUSSELL SCHNEIDER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
*Enclosure*

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