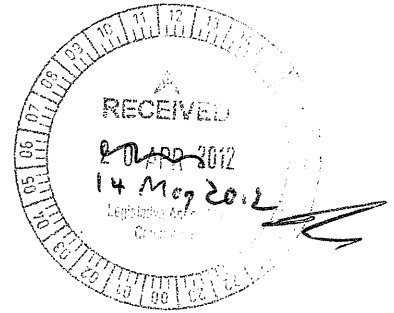




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Dear Mr Hughes

**INQUIRY INTO THE 2011 KIMBERLEY ULTRAMARATHON EVENT --  
TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 'Transcript of Evidence' (the Transcript) of the oral evidence I provided. Some minor transcription errors have been marked in red on the attached document.

In addition, I would like to clarify some evidence. Responses to the additional 9 (nine) questions, requested in your letter of 02 May 2012, will be provided in a separate letter by 17 May 2012.

On Page 2 of the Transcript (Paragraphs 12 and 14), I stated that I had thought there had been some minor fractures. On checking the records, there had been 5 (five) Priority 1 presentations, with 3 patients admitted. These were principally for heat exhaustion, but there were also infected skin lacerations and rashes. There were no fractures.

On Page 4 (Paragraph 17), the activation of health resources for the 2010 Ultramarathon was included, for information, in the Health Services Subcommittee report to the June 2010 State Emergency Management Committee meeting.

On Page 6 (Paragraph 3), with regards to Healthway, I can confirm that Healthway is a separate agency that reports to the Minister for Health and is not part of the Department of Health.

On Page 6 (Paragraphs 17 and 19), with regards to who brought us into an event's planning, we are also brought into event planning by local governments and, on occasion, by Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC) and District Emergency Management Committees (DEMC).

On Page 9 (Paragraph 5), I refer to the SOP, which, in this case, refers to the Special Events Exemption guidelines.

On Page 10 (Paragraph 10), I was asked about correspondence and meeting with RacingThePlanet. The Kimberley health staff met with them on 31 August (as per Page 8, Paragraph 10), and not 25 August, as indicated in the question.

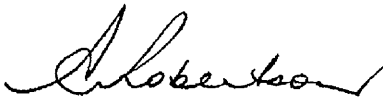
On Page 12 (Paragraph 8), in response to the Cabinet submission, I was suggesting that we would normally see such a cabinet submission and, if seen, probably would support it, without caveats, but that I would need to check on this particular submission. My phrasing was not particularly clear in my response.

On Page 13 (Paragraphs 14 and 16), I indicated that I thought that the LEMC would be the best vehicle to coordinate such responses. On reflection, the Local Government is the better agency for coordinating and planning for these events. LEMC and DEMC have a critical role in coordinating any response required after such an event, and should be advised prior to the event, but the pre-event coordination and preparation should continue to sit with Local Government.

On Page 13 (Paragraph 22), I indicated that LEMC are usually chaired by Police. While this is correct in the metropolitan area, they are usually chaired by Local Government in regional areas.

I trust this clarifies the Transcript and some comments within that document. I may be contacted on [REDACTED] if any further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely



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14 May 2012

Attachment:

1. Transcript