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Dear Ian,

Thank you for your correspondence to Anthony Albanese on Prostheses list reform. He has asked that I reply on Labor's behalf.

As you are aware, Labor has engaged with industry and other stakeholders on this agreement over many months, and I would like to thank you for the positive engagement we have received from MTAA and your members.

Like all similar agreements, Labor will honour the Prostheses List Agreement signed between MTAA and the Commonwealth in March of this year, including:

- The continued funding of vital services for Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices (such as pacemakers) for the next 12 months until a review of how to fund these services is completed,
- A 40/20/20 phased reduction of benefits for devices with a benefit level of more than 7 per cent above prices in the public system, and
- Co-designed modernised pathways for new Prostheses List listings to ensure faster patient access to innovative new technologies.

I look forward to continuing positive engagement with industry and other stakeholders on additional ways to improve the Prostheses list, as well as a raft of other issues.

Kind regards,

Mark Butler MP  
**Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing**