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Dear Adj Professor Dabars

RE: IMPACT OF FUEL SUPPLY CONCERNS ON NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2026, in which you raised feedback received by the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (SA Branch) (**ANMF**), regarding the impact of fuel supply concerns on nurses and midwives who are required to travel for work and often utilise private motor vehicles for this purpose.

More specifically, you communicated that apprehensions have been raised by the ANMF's members that current fuel reimbursement rates are inadequate in consideration of the escalating fuel costs. You have also confirmed that this issue affects ANMF members working across both South Australian metropolitan and regional areas.

You have proposed that the Department for Health and Wellbeing (**DHW**) implement a temporary fuel allowance for nurses and midwives who travel significant distances to undertake their work duties to offset the additional costs incurred from the escalation in fuel prices.

Whilst the Australian Government has continued to provide reassurance that fuel supplies are secure, we take this opportunity to affirm that DHW recognises the potential burden this current situation may impose on public sector employees.

Noting the decisions made with respect to fuel allowances and reimbursement rates are, in the circumstances, a whole of government matter and any response will require appropriate coordination with various agencies, DHW will consider any proposals that may be advanced or implemented by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, to ensure consistent approach for SA Health employees.

We will keep the ANMF informed moving forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Lawrence'.

DR ROBYN LAWRENCE
Chief Executive

14 / 04 / 2026