Ms Tanya Bosch Director, Budget Estimates Room 812 Parliament of New South Wales Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Bosch

I refer to your letter of 21 December 2004 regarding questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates Hearing on 20 December 2004.

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC asked a question which was taken on notice relating to the number of Chief Executives of Area Health Services that had met their target of zero long wait patients during the past two years.

I can advise that information on waiting times is available at <a href="www.health.nsw.gov.au">www.health.nsw.gov.au</a>. This information includes details of the number of booked patients waiting for longer than 12 months and average wait times by speciality for NSW Hospitals.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Kruk **Director-General**