

Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Health
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Dear Mr Taylor

The New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (NZIMLS)

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 November 2020 and for providing me with an introduction to NZIMLS's invaluable work and its oversight of the diagnostic medical laboratory science profession in New Zealand.

I acknowledge the vital role that your organisation and workforce play in serving the New Zealand public, and I commend your commitment to maintaining the best laboratory service for the benefit of the patient, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government recognises the dedication of your organisation and the individual laboratory scientists and technicians who have served throughout the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I also note the challenges that you have admirably navigated in such difficult circumstances. I assure you that the Government is committed to ensuring that the medical laboratory workforce has access to the necessary funding and resources throughout the ongoing response to COVID-19 and in the future.

I look forward to continuing the Government's working relationship with your organisation and our future engagement on addressing these long-standing issues.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Little', written over the typed name.

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Health