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Dear Dr Shah

Thank you for your email dated 7 July 2024, to the Honourable Di Farmer MP, Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice, regarding student exchange programs for medical disciplines between India and Australia. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

I acknowledge your interest in establishing a student exchange program between the Council of Alternative Systems of Medicines India (CASMI) and the medical sectors in Australia, including universities.

I can advise that in Queensland, all universities operate autonomously from the Queensland Government. Queensland universities are responsible for managing their own student exchange programs.

If you would like to explore potential collaborations for medical exchange students, you may wish to contact each of the nine Queensland universities directly or make contact with relevant non-governmental organisations that may have complementary interests, such as the Australian National Therapists Association www.australiannaturaltherapistsassociation.com.au/about/contact/ or the College of Complimentary Medicine ccm.edu.au/contact-ccm/.

All universities and registered higher education providers are regulated by the Australian Government's Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). If you haven't already done so, you may find it helpful to search the directory on the TEQSA website. This directory provides a comprehensive register of the national providers in Queensland and Australia-wide. The National Register search function is available at www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register. This resource can guide you in further communications directly with each university.

In addition, Study Queensland (www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/) is the State Government organisation dedicated to promoting Queensland as a premier study destination and a preferred partner for education, training, research and innovation. You may want to contact Study Queensland, through their website, to discuss opportunities for CASMI to partner with Queensland institutions. You may also like to contact the Queensland's Trade Commissioner for South Asia, Mr Abhinav Bhatia, through the Trade and Investment Queensland website (www.tiq.qld.gov.au/about/our-global-network/south-asia).

I wish the CASMI success in establishing a relationship with Australian institutions for student exchange programs.

Yours sincerely

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