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## Payroll tax for medical practices

Dear Dr Willett

Thank you for meeting with me on 23 November 2022.

As discussed during our meeting, I would like to confirm again that the Queensland Revenue Office (QRO) is not specifically targeting medical practices in its compliance activities.

As discussed, I would also like to reiterate QRO's approach to administering the payroll tax legislation in relation to medical practices or any other industry is longstanding and has not recently changed.

Related to this, I would also like to advise that medical practices may be subject to a payroll tax audit as part of QRO's routine compliance activities, in the same way as any other industry.

I acknowledge from your representations that payroll tax implications may raise complexity and compliance concerns for medical practices. As we discussed, QRO is committed to assisting taxpayers identify and comply with their taxation obligations. To this end, I indicated QRO will provide greater guidance to the medical industry by publishing a public Revenue Ruling.

Revenue Rulings outline the Commissioner of State Revenue's (Commissioner) view on the interpretation and application of the legislation QRO administers, which in this case will involve the employer and contractor provisions of the payroll tax legislation as well as any other relevant issues such as the availability of any exemptions. I envisage this will assist medical practices in complying with their payroll tax obligations, while providing clarity around QRO's approach to compliance activities. QRO aims to publish the ruling by the end of this calendar year.

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I look forward to meeting with you again on Tuesday 6 December 2022 to discuss and progress this issue further.

Yours sincerely

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