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Meeting with the Hon, Jill Hennessy MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Services

Wednesday 26th October gave Vice President, Ian Donaldson and Secretary, Ian Cameron the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Health at Parliament House for morning tea.

The Minister and her senior Staff member gave us a fantastic hearing and has offered to assist in provision of funding for more services through Grants or other Government Funds.

It is hoped this will give you, our members, better Peer Support and Psych Services along with providing support for the Committee and

Co-ordinators to become more efficient and be funded for travel and out of pocket expenses.

Minister Hennessy is fully supportive of our endeavours and wishes to be kept informed in our developments and has asked to meet with us on a regular basis.



The suggestion was made that we could use a local Member of Parliaments Office for printing and further assistance, if required.

Within three hours of that meeting Secretary Ian was contacted by his local members' staff and arrangements are being put into place for the use of their facilities on an ongoing basis.

We are honoured to have been given this opportunity and look forward to the positive results thus far and the continued advancement of our Association with renewed vigour and support.

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Report on discussions with CEO Tony Walker

Wednesday 12th October found the Executive and the CEO of AV, Tony Walker, meet for our regular round table discussions.

The major ongoing item is the establishment of an effective and viable Peer Support and Psych Services program which will be supplemented by the training of our own Peers in line with the accepted AV structure.. Psych Services will be, in part, funded via a different method either

direct funding or through the Medicare system. Final details are still being structured.

The funding for the provision of our shirts was welcomed and our thanks to Tony for this arrangement Included in the funding is the need to have our Executive with the ability to use the laptops and the provision for servicing and upgrades as and when required.

The assistance of the AEA and AV was very welcome in contacting

Forrestes to attempt to re-establish the Death & Disability Fund. (More on this as details are released).

The introduction of the Transition to Retirement Program was discussed and as and when these courses take place we will have a member of the Association in attendance to provided details about our services and programs.

Tony also offered us encouragement on our scheduled meeting with Minister, Jill Hennessey.

