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Dear Ms King:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 2005 requesting feedback on issues with respect to pathology in this province.

Indeed the presentation is a good reflection of the realities on the ground. The corrective measures suggested to help prevent burn out and losses of pathologists are valid and supported. In addition to the compensation for permanent pathology staff, another issue that needs to be closely examined is the compensation for locums. Currently, it is extremely difficult to attract locums to help relieve pathologists, as locum pathologists are better paid elsewhere. I'm pleased that the issues have been brought to attention to address in the coming MOU.

Sincerely,

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