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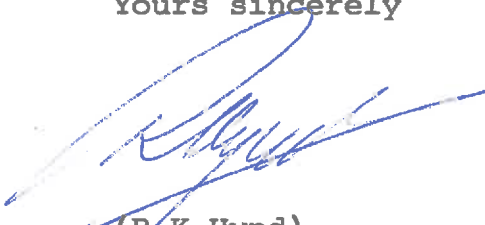
Dear Ms McLean

I refer to your application on behalf of the Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand for exemption from the provisions of the Price Freeze Regulations 1982 on the grounds of hardship, pursuant to regulation 11.

After considering the information you provided in support of that application we made a recommendation to the Department of Health. As you are aware, domiciliary midwives' fees are paid by that department, which meant that we were not able to approve an increase in them.

No approval to an increase in the fees has been given and in consequence this department cannot take the matter any further.

Yours sincerely



(R K Hynd)
for Secretary of
Trade and Industry

14 Rodrigo Rd.,
Lyall Bay,
Wellington.
6 December, 1982.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Trade & Industry,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I am filing this application on behalf of domiciliary midwives for relief under Regulation 11 of the Price Freeze Regulations 1982, on the basis that we have been granted a 17% increase in fees which we have not received because of the price freeze and our income has deteriorated to the extent where it is now totally inadequate. Domiciliary midwives are self-employed and under the Regulations categorised as sale of services.

Our current rate of income is \$10,206, calculated on 6 cases per month at \$141.75 per case x by 12 months. Holidays and sick leave are unpaid, and we must supply all our own equipment including a reliable motor vehicle. We believe that the Dept. of Health do not regard us as being fully engaged; a similar situation to the fire service, lighthouse keepers and ambulance drivers, in that we are on stand by 24 hours a day, 7 days a week which therefore precludes other employment.

The following table clearly indicates the deterioration in domiciliary midwives' income compared to hospital employed staff nurse/midwives on the maximum rate:

	<u>Domiciliary Midwives</u>	<u>Hospital Midwives</u>
Jan 1972	\$ 3096	\$ 3555
Oct ' 72	"	4188
Aug ' 73	"	4555
Feb ' 74	"	4761
Jul ' 74	"	5380
Jul ' 75	4032	5840
Jan ' 76	"	6028
Mar ' 77	"	6390
Oct ' 77	7056	8999
Jul ' 78	"	9364
Dec ' 78	"	10338
Sep ' 79	"	10803
Nov ' 79	"	11927
Aug ' 80	"	12404
Oct ' 80	10206	"
Nov ' 80	"	14351
Jun ' 81	"	15069
Nov ' 81	"	16455

Whereas in 1972 the two incomes were comparable, in 1982 the hospital employed midwives earn \$5790.00 more, a difference of 55.12%.

Other organisations such as N.Z.Nurses Assn., Nurses Union, PSA are sympathetic but are powerless to help because of our self-employed status.

Domiciliary midwife fees are set by the Dept. of Health, and we realise that any increase must be finally approved by them, but we seek support from the Dept. of Trade & Industry in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne McLean,
Secretary,
Domiciliary Midwives Society (Inc.).