

 *Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand.* 

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Dear

Please find enclosed a copy of the New South Wales stat form. Efforts are being made with Stan Gillanders who at present computerizes all our home birth information to standardize our stat forms with the enclosed form. Please send me your comments re this form as soon as possible. Are there any specific things you would like included or excluded, plus any general comments you have?

A situation has arisen where a Home Birth Support Group is considering buying equipment for a lay midwife. This is contrary to the Home Birth Association's policy of not supporting lay midwifery. The Auckland Domicillary Midwives feel that if the Support Group continues to support this person they should be asked to disassociate themselves from the Home Birth Association. Henriette Kemp, president of the association has asked for our Society's opinion on this. (She has written and requested the group to disassociate themselves if they continue this sort of support).

The New Zealand Hospital Boards Association has set up a Working Party on the Shortage of Midwives. They will first determine if there is a shortage, then determine reasons for this shortage, and how to solve it.

There are representatives on this working party from the O&G society, NZMA, NZNA, Parents' Centre, and Hospital Boards. I feel that it is very significant that the Health Dept. declined to put a representative on this. Surely a reflection on their continued lack of support for domicillary midwives. The working party has requested submissions and comments on the midwifery issue. They must be received by December 2nd. Send them to:

Mr. Grigg  
Research Officer  
Box 714  
Wellington.

Hope this letter finds you well and about to enjoy the summer and the festive season.

Regards,