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Hon G Gair  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Sir

RE: HOMEBIRTH

It is with deep concern that I hand you this letter expressing my dissatisfaction with the level of remuneration paid to the domiciliary midwives. To support this claim and to explain the comparison between what is paid to midwives (\$140) and what it costs to have a birth in a hospital (\$700) I have enclosed a copy of the January 1981 Home Birth Association Newsletter.

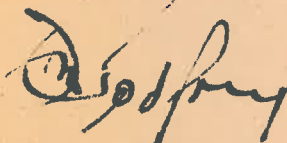
As a regular and significant taxpayer it is unreasonable that I should again have to make additional payments from already tax paid income to support the Government's responsibility - viz I have been asked by the Homebirth Association to pay \$75.00 to support the midwife's income.

Would you please explain to me:-

1. What is the Government's official policy on home birth (freedom to choose?)
2. When will the midwives remuneration be reviewed and adjusted to a realistic level?

I trust you can oblige with answering these questions and look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully



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