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Dear Barbara,

Thanks for your last two letters. In reference to the letters about parents paying the midwife; I stated in the newsletter that payment should be made to the Association, and the Association forward the money to the relevant midwife. We thought this way it would be informal financial support, and not actual payment for services. Do you think we should contact Mr. Philips and ask him whether this would be within the regulations? I think we should get this cleared up before conference.

Jessica MacLean is going through a bit of a topsy-turvey period in her life and has not really been able to fulfill her function as our chairperson, and has indicated that she doesn't want to be spokesperson for a second year, should it be decided that executive officers can do more than one term at the AGM, and Dunedin still doesn't want to be executive next year. She also decided not to attend conference, although she had earlier agreed to speak on the panel which is to be held on Sunday morning. I was wondering if someone from your branch would be able to take her place. He/she would be required to speak for five minutes on "Where^{as} from here", to be followed by questions and answers. If you can find someone, would you let me and Dunedin know as soon as possible please? (The other members of the panel are a parent, doctor, and midwife.)

We have had no reply as yet from Aussie Malcolm about meeting him, and await with trepidation the release of the Maternity Services Report.

The Labour Party's Women's Caucus Committee have asked me for information and statistics about home birth and I have tried to get as much together as possible but feel you would probably have a lot more to offer. Of course You may already have given Helen Clarke as much information as you've got.

Regards,

Henriette

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