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Rae Clark  
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Dear Rae,

I am sorry that this letter in response to your request to increase the fee for a midwife's review, has taken so long to reach you. You have requested that the fee be increased to \$281:25 from the present \$250:00. You have cited the reasons as bringing the Wellington region in line with other regions and that because so few midwives in this area are presently presenting for review you yourself are not "breaking even " on the costing. I have taken your concerns to the core committee and to the general meeting of the Wellington region. The general consensus at both meetings was that to increase the cost would in all likelihood decrease even further the number of midwives being reviewed. It was felt that as midwives had to pay \$250:00 plus the cost of correlating their questionnaires the review process was already well over \$300:00 in most cases. In order that you are not out of pocket it is proposed that the region make adequate recompense to you from general funds if necessary. This will be reviewed regularly.

Kind regards,

Sandra Sinclair.  
Regional Co-ordinator.