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Via email [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Flynn

Re: External review of the specialist medical colleges' assessment of international medical graduates

Thank you for providing ANZCA with a draft of the Deloitte Access Economics external review of the performance of the specialist medical colleges in their assessment of specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs).

We are grateful for the opportunity to raise any potentially inaccurate issues in that report. ANZCA notes that:

- Item 8.5 "College additional requirements and final assessments" is assessed as "ANZCA is compliant with the Good Practice Guidelines in relation to college additional requirements and final assessment" in the full text on page 113 denoted by a full circle for that item. However, on the summary page 107 that same item has a three quarters filled circle. ANZCA considers this may represent an error in transposition.
- We cannot find the recommendation that is on the summary page "*directs unsuccessful applicants to AHPRA*" in any of the text following, so cannot link that recommendation to the detailed findings in their assessment of our SIMG processes. ANZCA already does that by implication in the letter sent to applicants confirming the status of NC, by directing them to apply to the AMC for assessment under the general pathway in the final paragraph:
 - "*A potential alternative is for you to apply to the AMC for assessment under the General Pathway as the route to achieving registration. To pursue a career in anaesthesia ANZCA recommends that you apply to undertake FANZCA training and there may be an opportunity for retrospective accreditation for some of your training under regulation 37.5.7.*"

We accept the rest of the report, including the recommendation to "*clearly display on one site on its website, an estimate of the total fee that a SIMG is likely to incur to complete the requirements for the specialist training pathway*", and will amend the ANZCA website SIMG section accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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