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Dear Ms McMahon

I am writing in response to your letter of 5 March 2007, concerning disability budget constraints, in which you seek a meeting to discuss concerns regarding the impact of strategies implemented to address funding issues.

I understand that you have met with Lynn Young, Executive Director of Disability SA, who advised you that the freeze that was implemented as part of the transition to Disability SA was not directed at service delivery positions.

Unfortunately, Disability SA is facing severe financial pressures and it has been necessary to screen all vacancies to contain current cost pressures. As the bulk of its workforce is involved in direct service provision to clients, regrettably this means that all service delivery positions have required review, and in some cases left vacant.

The Directors of Disability SA are currently reviewing all vacancies with a view to strategically aligning the filling of vacancies to areas of highest priority in terms of both client need and staff pressures. I have asked the Executive Director to contact you to inform you of the outcome of the review.

Thank you for advising me of your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sue Vardon'.

Sue Vardon  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

21 March 2007