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Subject: RE: Dental Council: Consultation on the 2017/18 draft budgets, APC fees, disciplinary levies and other fees

Hi

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed APC fees etc. The proposed 2017 APC fee and disciplinary levy for Dental Therapists is \$746.55. I am fortunate our District health Board reimburses this cost. Unfortunately many DHBs are cash strapped and Southern most certainly is so this is another huge expense for them. I appreciate there is a proposed refund of \$102.90 APC fee and \$46.27 disciplinary levy or else this would be even more expensive. I appreciate the Dental Council has to have funds to continue its important activities but may have to lessen the burden of fees on DHBs.

My only other comment is about new graduates who already have student loans and having to ensure they have an APC before being employed. I realise not all graduates work for DHBs but the majority do. Fortunately the proposed 2018 fee/levy is slightly cheaper.

Yours sincerely
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