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MEDIA RELEASE

Minister for Health misled Parliament

On Wednesday, 3 August 2016, the Minister for Health the Hon Jillian Skinner MP misled Parliament during Question Time.

Medical Error Action Group (MEAG) has written to the Minister to correct the record.

Minister Skinner covered up the St Vincent's Hospital chemo under dosing scandal we wrote to her about in May 2015 and has strenuously denied knowing about it before it aired in the media this year.

"She would say that, wouldn't she?" said Lorraine Long, spokesperson for Medical Error Action Group.

"We gave her months to do something. It was her choice to do nothing", Ms Long added.

For the Minister to claim her 'primary concern patients are looked after' is not a view we share. She further stated that patients are her 'number one priority', but her priority is to cover-up.

A number of matters were brought to her attention over years by MEAG but she failed to address the brutal treatment and those miscarriages of justice remain. Her record illustrates willful neglect.

Patients MEAG advocates for have confirmed they too have not heard from Minister Skinner or the Ministry of Health. Regrettably, Premier Mike Baird sets a poor example, for he too fails to address correspondence from MEAG.

Minister Skinner has a pattern of "sitting on" hospital disasters. Her misleading statements to Parliament and her failure to look after patients when things go wrong is no longer acceptable.

It's time for Minister Skinner to be relieved of the health portfolio.

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