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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT IN SINGAPORE HOSPITALS FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as "the Singapore Government") and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter referred to as "the Australian Government") are desirous of concluding an Agreement concerning the provision of treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island.

It is hereby agreed as follows :

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the 27th day of June 1968, and shall thereafter continue in force until the ninetieth day after the day on which one party gives to the other notice in writing of its desire to terminate the Agreement :

Provided that at any time when this Agreement is in force, the terms thereof may be modified by the mutual consent of both Governments.

2. In consideration of the payment by the Australian Government to the Singapore Government of a sum of twenty-five thousand Singapore dollars (S\$ 25,000/-) per annum and, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, the Singapore Government agrees to provide treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island :

Provided that such treatment shall be subject to the availability of beds in Singapore hospitals and such treatment shall not be available in Christmas Island having regard to the circumstances of each individual patient :

And provided also that the admission is to the free-class wards of Singapore hospitals, and if the patient wishes to be admitted to the paying-class wards he or she will be accepted as any member of the public and charged at rates chargeable to the public :

And provided also that consultations and out-patient attendances shall be charged for at current rates.

¹ Came into force on 27 June 1968, in accordance with paragraph 1.

And provided also that, where applicable in the case of any patient, exemption is obtained for his or her entry into Singapore under the provisions of any written law relating to immigration and health.

3. The Australian Government undertakes to meet the cost of, and make the necessary arrangements for, passages for all patients travelling from Christmas Island to Singapore and from Singapore to Christmas Island under the terms of this Agreement.

4. The Australian Government agrees to provide the Director of Medical Services, Singapore, with medical and other particulars of all patients who require hospitalisation in Singapore under the terms of this Agreement and, save in cases of urgency, to obtain approval of the Singapore Government before sending patients to Singapore.

5. The Australian Government agrees to abide by the opinion of Singapore Government medical officers as to the desirability or necessity of any particular patient being hospitalised in Singapore, and the provisions of clause 3 of this Agreement shall apply to all patients who, after arrival in Singapore from Christmas Island, are adjudged by the said medical officers to be unsuitable for hospitalisation in Singapore.

6. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum referred to in clause 2 of this Agreement shall be paid by the Australian Government to the Singapore Government quarterly in advance by cheque made in favour of the Accountant-General, Singapore.

7. The Australian Government and the Singapore Government may, from time to time agree, by way of correspondence through the respective nominees of the said Governments or otherwise, on matters of detail for the purpose of ensuring the better working of this Agreement, provided that such matters of detail are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in Singapore, this 27th day of June, 1968.

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia:

A. R. PARSONS

For the Government of the Republic of Singapore:

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