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Ms Maria Rösslhumer

Thank you for your letter which you sent to the Members of the Parliament of the Republic of Estonia regarding your concern for the women's support centre service network in Estonia.

In reply to your letter we would like to inform you that the Social Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu (Parliament of Estonia) discussed this issue on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and received confirmation from Minister of Social Protection and the Estonian Social Insurance Board that the women's support centre service would be guaranteed in all counties this year, and contracts with the organisations who won the procurement have been signed. The representative of the Social Insurance Board explained to the Social Affairs Committee that three procurements had been held to find the providers of support centre service all over Estonia. As a result of the procurement procedures, the base funding of the service this year is 641,051 euro, which was divided among the counties in accordance with the cost of the tenders submitted. Technical and professional competence was an important precondition for qualification in the procurement. Confidential help to all victims of violence against women is guaranteed in Estonia.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee