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From: s22 on behalf of MINISTER
Sent: Monday, 13 April 2015 10:56 AM
To: MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE
Cc: s22
Subject: FW: Immunisation law to be passed - concerns [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Categories: Departmental or Referral

Hi team,

For your action please – probable referral to DSS

Kind regards,

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From: s22
Sent: Sunday, 12 April 2015 10:28 AM
To: MINISTER
Subject: Immunisation law to be passed - concerns

Dear Marise,
Please assist in this area if possible and if not please advise whom I should contact.

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Regards,

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Australian Government
Department of Human Services

C15/1866

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Dear s22

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 April 2015 to the Minister for Human Services, Senator the Hon Marise Payne. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

The Department of Human Services delivers payments and services on behalf of a range of government departments and agencies. The policy and legislation for the matter you raise is administered by the Department of Social Services. Therefore, I have referred your correspondence to that department for consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

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Ministerial Correspondence
Ministerial Coordination and Parliamentary

April 2015

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From s22
Sent: Friday, 17 April 2015 6:57 PM
To: ACIR.MANAGEMENT
Subject: Re: Conscientious Objection [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi s22

I recently heard the news about Family Tax being affected for children not immunised.

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Could you please shed light on this?

Kind regards,
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From: s22
Sent: 19 April 2015 19:27
To: CO.IMMUNISATION.SECTION
Subject: Re: proposed changes to conscientious objection form [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s22

Thank you for your email. Since receiving it, I have noted the media is reporting that religious exemption will no longer be available.

Which leads me to my next query: this is proposed legislation at this stage. The Bill has yet to be passed in the Senate. Why is the ACIR already advising what changes to the exemptions will be available as of 1st January 2016 when there is as yet no grounds for it?

I look forward to your response.

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On 17 Apr 2015, at 1:09 pm, CO.IMMUNISATION.SECTION <CO.Immunisation.Section@humanservices.gov.au> wrote:

Dear s22

Thank you for your email to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (the Immunisation Register) dated 15/04/2015.

At this stage, conscientious objections to immunisation on religious grounds will only be available after 1 January 2016 to members of the Church of Christ, Scientist.

No other religious organisations have sought an exemption determination. If a religious organisation wants exemption, they must apply to the Minister of Social Services.

Immunisation exemptions that are still valid after 1 January 2016 include the natural immunity immunisation exemption and the medical contraindication exemption. Your immunisation provider needs to make the determination that your child has one of these exemptions and provide the relevant paperwork to the Immunisation Register.

If you have any further immunisation enquiries, please call one of our Customer Service Officers on 1800 653 809.

Yours sincerely

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Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

From: s22

Sent: 15 April 2015 14:00

To: CO.IMMUNISATION.SECTION

Subject: Re: proposed changes to conscientious objection form [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s22

Thank you for your email. Can you confirm if the existing conscientious objection, which is currently a valid exemption, will still be current and upheld after 1st January 2016.

Regards,

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On 15 Apr 2015, at 12:32 pm, CO.IMMUNISATION.SECTION <CO.Immunisation.Section@humanservices.gov.au> wrote:

Dear ^{s22}

Thank you for your email to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (the Immunisation Register) dated 13/04/2015.

Up to 31st December 2015, a conscientious objection that is recorded on the Immunisation Register will continue to allow your child to meet the immunisation criteria for the Family Tax Benefit A Supplement and the Child Care Benefit payments. After 1st January 2016, your child will need to be immunised, or have a valid exemption, in order for them to meet the family assistance payment immunisation requirement.

If you have any further immunisation enquiries, please reply via email or call one of our Customer Service Officers on 1800 653 809.

Yours sincerely

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Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

From: ^{s22}

Sent: 13 April 2015 13:26

To: CO.IMMUNISATION.SECTION

Subject: proposed changes to conscientious objection form

Could you please advise me if the proposed government bill regarding conscientious objection to vaccination is passed, will current CO forms be upheld?

Regards,

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<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for Call↑↘	Comments	Created
Count= 7		
Unhappy with change	Cus querying what religion she has to become to be exempt from changes so she will still get her ftb supplements as she is conscientious objector.	14/04/2015 10:34 AM
Unhappy with change	cus states IVR says all ftb a & b not paid. Explained only ftb a supplement CCB and CCR. Cus unhappy re policy. Asked what religions would be covered by exemption	14/04/2015 1:26 PM
Unhappy with change	how exactly will you measure the age point? Especially child aged over 7? Unfair change, will not be bullied into it.	16/04/2015 2:09 PM
Unhappy with change	customer wanted to confirm what payments are affected and what grounds exemptions may be granted.	16/04/2015 3:26 PM
Unhappy with change	Customer contacted to enquire on changes to ccb and ftb re: immunisation. Unhappy that conscientious objection will no longer be accepted. Customer furious that she feels bullied into immunisation and will be seeking medical objection.	16/04/2015 5:09 PM
Unhappy with change	Customer contentious about changes and totally disgusted with government trying to tell people what to do.	17/04/2015 9:48 AM
Unhappy with change	Cust not a member of a church but states she has a religious belief against immunising	17/04/2015 12:36 PM