



Australian Government
Department of Health
National Industrial Chemicals
Notification and Assessment Scheme

Department Reference: 153-1516

Mr Paul Swain

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Dear Mr Swain

**FOI REQUEST: EXTENSION OF TIME FRAME
DUE TO THIRD PARTY CONSULTATION**

I refer to your request of 13 February 2016 for access under *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to the Department of Health:

Any information that the Department of Health holds that relates to the 2010 NICNAS report into the research needs of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity and its recommendations.

Your request was transferred to NICNAS in accordance with section 16(1) of the FOI Act. It appears to me, from the documents to which you seek access that an individual may reasonably wish to make a contention concerning possible exemption of two of the documents. I have, accordingly, determined that the requirements of 27A of the FOI Act make it appropriate to extend the time frame for dealing with your request.

I am writing to inform you, for the purposes of subsection 15(6) of the FOI Act, that the 30 day period for providing you with a decision has been extended by a further 30 days.

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in this letter, can be accessed from the ComLaw website via the following: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>

If you have any queries throughout the process, you may wish to contact the NICNAS FOI Team on (02) 8577 8800 or via email at info@nicnas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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