

REF: FOI:16-18

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Dear Mr Swain

Thank you for your application under the ACT Freedom of Information Act 1989 (the Act) received by ACT Health on 20 April 2016, in which you requested access to documents relating to a 2010 NICNAS report into the research needs of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity and its recommendations.

As Executive Director, Cancer, Ambulatory and Health Support, I am an officer authorised to make a decision with respect to a request for information, under section 22 of the Act.

Following an investigation into your request I can inform you that ACT Health holds no document that meets the scope of your request other than a policy titled Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) - Care of Patients that is publicly available on our website at: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/research-publications/policy-and-plans>

My advice that no documents exist that fall within the ambit of your request constitutes a technical refusal under the Act. This means that, if you are dissatisfied with this outcome, you have the right to seek a review under section 59 of the Act. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

The Principal Officer
C/- FOI Coordinator
Executive Coordination
Health Directorate
GPO Box 825
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You have 28 days from the date of this letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Principal Officer permits.

Under section 54 of the Act, if you are concerned about the processing of your request or related administrative matters, you may complain to the Ombudsman, who may conduct an independent investigation into your complaint. There is no fee for this, and contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you have any queries concerning the processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the Freedom of Information Coordinator on (02) 6205 1340 or via email at HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise Lamb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Denise Lamb
Executive Director
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ACT Health

13 May 2016