



16 March 2017

Mr Philip Nelson

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Dear Mr Nelson

***Freedom of Information Request No.17-6***

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to *Senate Committee correspondence* under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. I have taken your request to be for:

- *A copy of the letter to which Mr McDevitt referred in his opening statement to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on Wednesday 1 March 2017 in which the Chair of that Committee was satisfied that Mr McDevitt had not provided the Committee with false or misleading evidence; and*
- *Any correspondence (electronic and print) between ASADA and Health and Senate Standing Committee officials in preparing and finalising that advice.*

If you believe that the scope of your request has not been interpreted correctly please advise the contact officer on the details outlined at the conclusion of this letter.

The Department of Health received your request on Thursday 9 March 2017 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from ASADA by **Monday 10 April 2017** (noting that the 30 day statutory period expires on the previous Saturday). The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log subject to certain exceptions. (For example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable).

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact. If you have any questions, please contact the following officer:

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Yours sincerely

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