Department Reference: 222-1314

Mr Robert Candelori
Right to Know Organisation

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Dear Mr Candelori

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT

I am writing to notify you in accordance with paragraph 15(5)(a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) of receipt on 31 March 2014 by the Department of Health (the Department) of your request for access under the FOI Act to:

- *Any and all internal correspondence, ministerial briefing papers, policy documents, memos or file notes relating to any proposal to impose an upfront fee, charge or co-payment when visiting a general practitioner (GP) between 8 September 2013 and 28 March 2014;*
- *Any inter-agency correspondence relating to the above proposal with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Treasury between 8 September 2013 and 28 March 2014*

Your request will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the FOI Act, under which, the Department is required by paragraph 15(5)(b) to take all reasonable steps to notify you of a decision not later than 30 calendar days after the above receipt date.

In the case of your request, the due date for a decision is 30 April 2014 unless the 30 day period is extended for the reasons summarised below.

The 30-day period may be extended where either:

- We notify you that you are liable to pay a charge; or
- We are required to consult a third party,

in either of which you will be advised and given more details.

The time period may also be extended with your written agreement.

You can access the FOI Act at the following website:
http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2014C00041

The Department will be in contact with you in the near future about the processing of your request, including if you will be required to pay a charge or if we need to consult a third party. You can contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666, or via email at FOI@health.gov.au, should you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

FOI Unit
Legal Services Branch

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