



Australian Government

Department of Health

Department Reference: 222-1314

Mr Robert Candelori
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Dear Mr Candelori

DEEMED WITHDRAWAL OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to correspondence dated 28 April 2014 from Ms Fifine Cahill, Assistant Secretary, Primary Care, Diagnostics and Radiation Oncology Branch. The correspondence related to consultation under section 24AB of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) in response to your Freedom of Information request for access 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.”

In that correspondence you were informed of an intention to refuse access to the documents in question because of the existence of a practical refusal reason.

You were advised that the 14-day consultation period would end on 12 May 2014 and that if you neither withdrew your request, revised it or indicated that you did not want to revise it, nor contacted the contact person, your request would be taken to have been withdrawn by operation of subsection 24AB(7).

As you had done none of the things indicated above by 13 May 2014, your request is accordingly deemed to have been withdrawn with effect from 13 May 2014.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this letter you can contact the Department's FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666 or via email at FOI@health.gov.au

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the FOI Officer.

FOI Officer
Information Law Section
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14 May 2014