Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council



20December 2019

Mr Edward Griffiths Via email: foi+request-6028-637e731b@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Griffiths

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 2019/20 008

I refer to your email of 19 December 2019, making a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act) for

'The total amount paid to the Sheffield Alcohol Research Group for their modelling services in relation to the report "Mortality and morbidity risks from alcohol consumption in Australia: Analyses using an Australian adaptation of the Sheffield Alcohol Policy Model (v2.7) to inform the development of new alcohol guidelines" dated 07/08/2019'.

I, Alan Singh, Executive Director, Research Translation Branch, am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

Timeframe for processing your request

The FOI request was received by NHRMC on 19 December 2019. The statutory period for processing your request is 30 days. Accordingly, the timeframe for the request ends on 20 January 2020.

Decision

The amount paid to the Sheffield Alcohol Research Group for the *Mortality and morbidity risks from alcohol consumption in Australia: Analyses using an Australian adaptation of the Sheffield Alcohol Policy Model (v2.7) to inform the development of new alcohol guidelines* report was \$280,807.00 (AUD). The cost exceeded \$80,000, and as such, was published on the AusTender website on 20 May 2019.

You can view the Contract Notice at the following website: <u>https://www.tenders.gov.au/Cn/Show/af676a05-e0c7-19c9-c946-dbf197939ee8</u>

Charges

I have decided not to impose charges for the processing of this FOI request.

Yours sincerely

Alan Singh Executive Director – Research Translation Branch