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Department of HealthTherapeutic Goods Administration

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Dear Mr Webb

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI 1484 Notice of Decision

I refer to your request dated 8 January 2019 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) and subsequent correspondence between you and the TGA in which the scope of your request was clarified as being for access to the following documents:

"...all electroconvulsive therapy device adverse event reports filed within the last five years (dates January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2019) for manufacturers MECTA, Somatics, LLC and Ectron."

Decision Maker

I am the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) officer authorised to make this decision under section 23 of the FOI Act. What follows is my decision under the FOI Act.

Decision

I am notifying you of my decision under section 24A of the FOI Act to refuse your request for access as the documents you have requested do not exist.

Reasons for Decision

Section 24A of the FOI Act states that requests may be refused if all reasonable steps have been taken to find a document and the document does not exist. The relevant electronic databases, files and corporate file lists in the TGA have been searched for the documents you have requested, and following these searches I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to find the documents requested and that the documents you have requested do not exist.

Review and Complaint Rights

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you can either seek internal review or apply to the OAIC for review of the decision. Further information can be found on the OAIC website at the following link: www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the FOI Team on (02) 6289 4630.

Yours sincerely

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