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Dear Dr Mahaliyana,

RE: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your email of 19 February 2013 to the FOI officer in which you sought access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to documents which contain:

- Incidence & prevalence of hepatitis B & C in the indigenous community and general population years 2004-12;
- Incidence & prevalence of fatty liver disease in the indigenous community and general population years 2004-12;
- Statistics on morbidity and mortality of Indigenous people and general community from chronic liver disease subdivided by underlying cause 2004-2012; and
- Rates of vaccination against hepatitis B in the indigenous & general community 2004-2012

The request was received by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) through the Right to Know website on 25 February 2013.

Response to your request:

The ABS has conducted a search for documents relating to your request. I am now able to notify you that the existing documents pertaining to your request are exempt under Schedule 2, Part II, Division 2 of the FOI Act. Such documents contain information collected under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* and are exempt from FOI requests. As such, no access will be granted.

Components of your request for data may be available for purchase by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Waiving of Processing Fees

The ABS will not charge you any fees associated with processing this FOI request.

Internal Review of the Decision

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision by the ABS. Additionally; you may request a review of this decision by the Information Commissioner. Details of both procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at Attachment 1.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Officer, Emma Worthing, at emma.worthing@abs.gov.au or on (02) 6252 7943.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Humphrys

A/g Assistant Statistician

Office of the Statistician and External Engagement

6 March 2013

Attachment 1

Procedures for Internal Review of the Decision

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to apply for an internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker were you to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

Application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

The Freedom of Information Officer
Policy and Legislation Section
Australian Bureau of Statistics
Locked Bag 10
BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Review by the Information Commissioner

Section 54L of the FOI Act provides that a person may apply for a review to the Information Commissioner concerning the original decision made by the agency.

An application for a review by the Information Commissioner must be occur within 60 days of the decision. The application must be made in writing (including email) and should be directed to the following address:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 2999
Canberra ACT 2601

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

Online Form: <http://www.oaic.gov.au>

An application for review through the Information Commissioner must include contact details for the applicant and a copy of the notice of decision as given by the agency under section 26.

The Information Commissioner usually prefers applicants to seek internal review before asking for a review through their office.