AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

TRIM: D21-47256

Sam Mostyn

Via email: foi+request-8048-52788149@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Sam Mostyn

Freedom of Information Request no. 02/2021

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to proof of germ pathogens under the Freedom of Information Act 1982. I have taken your request to be for: "documentation that proves an isolated virus or bacteria (separated from all non-identical particles) is pathogenic to an organism or pure tissue culture."

We received your request on 1 November 2021 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 1 December 2021. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log, subject to certain exceptions.

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Yours sincerely

Chris Leahy

Chief Operating Officer

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