24 February 2015

Samantha Pasfield Right to Know.

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Dear Ms Pasfield

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request No. 14/15-125

I refer to your request dated 20 February 2015 to the Department of Health and transferred to the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 20 February 2015, in which you seek access under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (FOI Act) to:

"all documents and reports relating to:

- a. The number of nursing homes closed in NSW in the 2014 calendar year and the total cost of closing them.
- b. Total government funding provided to Uniting Care Ageing across Australia in the 2014 calendar year.
- c. The cost per person per year in full-time nursing care."

Processing timeframe

The Department of Health received your request on 20 February 2015 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date.

The time frames may be extended if consultation with affected third parties is required. We will notify you as soon as possible if this occurs.

The Department will notify you of its decision for this request by **Monday 23 March 2015.**

Other issues

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, which you can access at www.dss.gov.au, subject to certain exceptions.

Please do not hesitate to contact an FOI officer at foi@dss.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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