

REF: FOI:12-33



Dear 

By request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act) dated 30 April 2012 which was, received by the Directorate on **4 May 2012**, you sought access to all documents relating to:

"Question on Notice No. 2178, appearing on the ACT Legislative Assembly Notice Paper on 27 March 2012.

In response to that request, Mr Phil Ghirardello informed you by letter dated 1 June 2012, that a search of Health Directorate records had been carried out and no documents had been found which fall within the scope of your request. This response constituted a technical refusal of your request.

By further letter dated 13 June 2012 and received by the Directorate on 18 June 2012 you sought an internal review of Mr Ghirardello's decision.

A fresh search has been carried out for documents which fall within the scope of your request. In the process of this search, 23 documents have been identified that fall within the ambit of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

I have decided that all 23 documents are to be released.

In making his decision, Mr Ghirardello searched only for documents directly related to the answering of your questions. As no work was commenced on preparing a response for Ministerial consideration due to issues related to the veracity of emergency department data, no documents were created to answer your question.

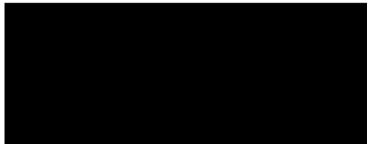
However, there are a number of emails which seek information on the progress of the answer. As I believe that these documents fall within the scope of your question, I am releasing them to you.

You have the right to approach the Ombudsman about the processing of your request.
If you wish to pursue this course, you may do so by writing to:

ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you have any queries concerning this Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please feel free to contact Mr Fraser Powrie, Freedom of Information Coordinator on: (02) 6205 1340 or via email at: fraser.powrie@act.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Stephen Goggs
Deputy Director-General
Strategy and Corporate
Health Directorate

3^d August 2012

FOI Request 12-33 Review of decision – Documents related to the preparation of the answer to Question on Notice No. 2178

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

FOI12-33 - Review

FOLIO	ITEM	DATE	STATUS	REASON FOR EXEMPTION	Internet publication – YES/NO – if no, why not
1	Email correspondence	27/03/12	Full release	Nil	YES
2	Email correspondence	27/03/12	Full release	Nil	YES
3	Email correspondence	27/03/12	Full release	Nil	YES
4-5	Email correspondence	27/03/12	Full release	Nil	YES
6-8	Email correspondence	27/03/12	Full release	Nil	YES
9	Email correspondence	13/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
10-11	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Partial release	Redacted passages out of scope	YES
12-13	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
14-15	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
16-18	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
19-20	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
21-23	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES

24	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
25-26	Email correspondence	16/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
27	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
28	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
29	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
30	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
31	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
32	Email correspondence	20/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
33	Email correspondence	24/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
34	Email correspondence	24/04/12	Full release	Nil	YES
35	Answer to Question on Notice No. 2178	2/05/12	Full release	Nil	YES

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	Corey, Janelle	Read: 27/03/2012 4:46 PM
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	Fawcett, Alice	Read: 27/03/2012 6:07 PM

Hi Jess

Sorry yet another one for you

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


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FYI guys, this will be coming your way.

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MINISTER FOR HEALTH
Health Directorate

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION
Notice Paper No 141, 27 March 2012
Question No 2178

Mr Hanson: To ask the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the percentage of presentations to The Canberra Hospital Emergency Department with a length of stay less than four hours, for each month from December 2010 to December 2011.
- (2) What is the percentage of presentations to Calvary Hospital Emergency Department with a length of stay less than four hours, for each month from December 2010 to December 2011.

Ms Gallagher: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is

Approved for circulation by the Minister for Health – Katy Gallagher MLA

Signature:

Date

McGorm, Annette

From: McGorm, Annette
Sent: Friday, 13 April 2012 12:52 PM
To: Summerrell, Jessica
Subject: FW: Update on QONs

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
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Can you please advise when I can expect QON's 2178 & 2099

Cheers

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From: Andersen, Jackie
Sent: Friday, 13 April 2012 10:08 AM
To: McGorm, Annette
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Subject: Update on QONs

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Carey, Megan

From: Andersen, Jackie
Sent: Monday, 16 April 2012 9:56 AM
To: Carey, Megan
Cc: Wheatley, Janelle; McGorm, Annette
Subject: QONs
Attachments: Question on Notice for updating.doc

Hi Megan

I have been asked to highlight with the Directorate the importance of getting QONs in on time. This information is being passed on to all Directorates by respective DLOs.

Where there is a delay, I will need information to provide to the CMCD DLO for the Chief of Staff as to reasons for the delay and expected timeframe for receipt of late QON.

With regard to our QONS, I have spoken with Annette this morning and updated information for staff meeting this afternoon.

We have two QONs (2178 and 2179 both Hanson) which Annette is following up which are due on 20/4/12.

I have attached a copy of the document which is tabled at the CMO staff meeting fyi. The CMCD DLO, TAMS DLO and Health DLO update this for each weekly meeting.

Regards

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2178	Hanson – Percentage of presentations to Canberra Hospital 2 part question	Health	5/4/12	20/4/12	Drafting still in progress as at 13/4/12
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Sent: Monday, 16 April 2012 4:07 PM
To: McGorm, Annette; Wheatley, Janelle
Cc: Bailey, Andrew
Subject: RE: QON 2178

Hi there

We don't seem to have received it, nor have we recorded that we received it; however this is not the reason why we need the extension.

Ian can provide Janelle with advice directly about the need for the extension if she has concerns.

Jess

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To: Wheatley, Janelle
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Janelle

Over to you as all extension requests need to be authorised by you.

Jess, didn't get this one until today. I'm not sure what happened with it. Last TRIM record was 27 March

"Tuesday, 27 March 2012 at 4:39:26 PM (GMT+11:00) McGorm, Annette:"
Forwarded to PA to DDG Corporate

Cheers

Annette

From: Summerrell, Jessica
Sent: Monday, 16 April 2012 3:59 PM
To: McGorm, Annette
Cc: Wheatley, Janelle; Bailey, Andrew
Subject: QON 2178

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In relation to GBC12/80 Ian has requested an extension on this please until this Thursday.

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Notice Paper No 141, 27 March 2012
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Ms Gallagher: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is

The Canberra Hospital Emergency Department data is currently subject to audit and external analysis. I am happy to provide the Member with a response to these questions following the outcome of the audit process.

Approved for circulation by the Minister for Health – Katy Gallagher MLA

Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date 21/5/12