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Dear Mr Cowley-Grimmond

**Specialist Outpatient Waiting List data – further information**

In relation to your request of last evening for additional Specialist Outpatient Waiting List data, I am instructed as follows:

- The Surgical Access Team, Queensland Health (later called Surgical Access Service) produced a monthly report entitled “Surgical Access Service Waiting List Reduction Strategy – Report from the Surgical Access Team”. Where the report included Specialist Outpatient Waiting List data, that data was based on raw data manually collected by reporting hospitals. The data was stored electronically on a database maintained by the Surgical Access Team but the hard copy data returns provided by the reporting hospitals were not retained by the Surgical Access Team.
- The report was provided to the Office of the Director General monthly from September 1998 until January 2003. In approximately January 2003, the then General Manager Health Services instructed the Surgical Access Team to cease producing the monthly report. Collection of the Specialist Outpatient Waiting List data ceased soon after.
- The report was distributed to the Director-General, the Minister for Health, the Deputy Director-General (Policy and Outcomes) and the General Manager Health Services.

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I **enclose** copies of the monthly reports for:

January 2003

2002 (except September 2002)

2001 (except August 2001)

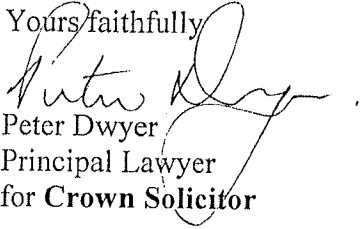
2000 (except Jan, Feb, March, April, May 2000)

1999 (except March 1999)

1998 (commencing September 1998, except October 1998)

Despite searches to date, my client has not been able to locate those monthly reports referred to in parentheses above.

Yours faithfully



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