



Australian Government
Department of Health

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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 December 2014, 30 December 2014, and 13 January 2015 to the Minister for Health and Minister for Sport, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, requesting that the Commonwealth support the New South Wales' submission to the Nationally Funded Centres (NFC) Reference Group nominating peritonectomy with Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) for NFC status. The Minister has asked me to reply.

The objectives of the NFC Program are to ensure access to high cost, low demand, new and emerging technologies, in the context of workforce and resource availability. For a technology to be deemed eligible for NFC status, it must be an established clinical practice requiring a national population base for efficient and effective service provision.

The NFC Reference Group considered the NSW submission at its December 2014 meeting and decided that peritonectomy with HIPEC does not meet the criteria for NFC eligibility. The rationale for the Reference Group's decision was that peritonectomy surgery is not a low volume procedure and does not require a national population base for efficient and effective service provision. NSW was advised of this decision in correspondence from the Chair of the NFC Secretariat dated 8 January 2015.

I understand that NSW intends to review the arrangements for peritonectomy with HIPEC. You may wish to contact the NSW Minister for Health for more information.

I trust this information is of use.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Charles Maskell-Knight'.

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