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Dear Secretary

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL UNIT

I am pleased to provide you with my Statement of Expectations for the Department of Health and Human Services' Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit. This Statement of Expectations applies for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, or until otherwise amended.

As Minister for Health, I am committed to improving the health and wellbeing of Victorians. My responsibilities include administering the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, designed to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of all Victorians. Effective, efficient and proportionate regulation can be an important tool to achieve the objectives of this Act – that include promoting and protecting public health and wellbeing in Victoria.

Improving the Administration of Regulation

This Statement of Expectations sets out my expectations in relation to the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit's contribution to the Victorian Government's Regulation Reform Program.

As Minister for Health, I expect the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit to consult with key stakeholders when considering any new policy or designing new regulation, to ensure unnecessary regulatory burden can be minimised, in a manner that is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

After consulting with the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit, I have identified specific opportunities for the Unit to improve its regulatory performance. These improvements are enclosed.

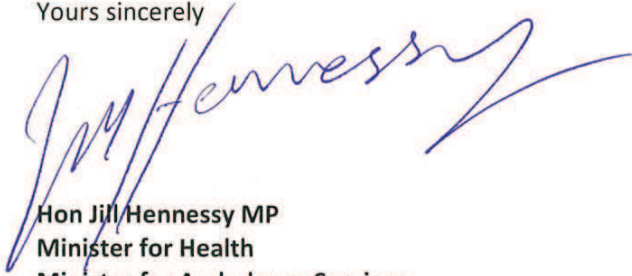
Reporting Requirements for the Ministerial Statement and the Unit's Response

I expect that the attached Statement of Expectations performance improvements, and the Unit's proposed response to these, will be incorporated into the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit's Business Plan and published on the department's website.

Reporting on your progress to achieve these Statement of Expectations performance targets should be undertaken shortly after the conclusion of the 2016-17 financial year, on the department's website.

I look forward to the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit working continuously towards achieving best practice in the administration and enforcement of regulation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jill Hennessy', written over a printed name.

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23/6/2016

Encl. Ministerial Statement of Expectations: Improvements for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit

Ministerial Statement of Expectations - Improvements for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit

This Statement of Expectations for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 sets out my expectations in relation to the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit's contribution to the Government's Regulation Reform Program. After consulting with the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit, I have identified the following opportunities for the Unit to improve its regulatory performance:

- Explore potential benefits as well as undertake a risk analysis in relation to options for moving from a dual notification system – where doctors and pathology services are required to report certain notifiable conditions to the department – to a single notification system – where only pathology services would be required to report certain notifiable conditions to the department.
 - Options for moving from a dual notification system should be assessed on the basis of ensuring that they would not compromise the department's capacity to monitor and respond effectively to notifications of certain diseases and medical conditions.
- Fully implement changes to streamline the registration system for hairdressing and low risk beauty therapy businesses. The vast majority of these businesses are small business and this initiative will mean that approximately 4,000 hairdressing and low risk beauty therapy businesses will no longer be required to register their business annually with their local council. Instead, these businesses can move to an on-going registration system, whereby they register their business premises once over the life of the business. This reform will be fully implemented by 1 January 2017.

In developing actions to achieve these improvements and targets, the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit is expected to consult with business and the broader community as appropriate.