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Dear Ms Wilkins

Your Freedom of Information Request – FOI Decision Letter

1. I refer to your letter of 18 February to the Productivity Commission (the Commission) seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).
2. Your request is for:

“Any material obtained or given to the Productivity Commission as part of its Mental Health Inquiry related to the Expanded Healthy Kids Check (also called by the Productivity Commission, “Enhanced Healthy Kids Check” in the Draft Report for this inquiry).

3. The Commission acknowledged your request, by email on 21 February 2020.
4. The statutory time period for processing your request will expire on 19 March 2020.
5. I confirm that I have made a decision regarding access to the documents you requested.

Decision

6. I am authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI applications made to the Productivity Commission (the Commission).

A search of the Commission’s records was conducted and inquiries made to staff likely to know and identify relevant documents.

Eight (8) documents were identified that met the scope of your request. I have decided to provide access to all 8 documents in full. All documents are publicly available; access to the documents is provided via links so as not to impinge on third-party copyright. Links to the 8 documents are provided at Attachment A.

Internal Review

7. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you have certain rights of review available to you. Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply for an internal review of the decision. You must apply in writing for an internal review of the decision within 30 days of receiving this notice. There is no fee to make a request for an internal review.

If you make an application for internal review, it will be conducted by another officer of the Commission. That person will make a fresh decision on the merits of the case. No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out in the application the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be overturned.

8. An application for a review of the decision should be emailed to foi@pc.gov.au or mailed to:

Head of Office
Productivity Commission
Locked Bag 2, Collins Street, East
Melbourne VIC 8003
Attention: Corporate Services Branch – Office Services

Review by Information Commissioner

9. You have the option of seeking a merits review by the Information Commissioner. For more information, please refer to FOI Fact Sheet 12, published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Complaints to the Australian Information Commissioner and the Commonwealth Ombudsman

10. If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been processed, you can complain to the Australian Information Commissioner or the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Generally, the Ombudsman will consult the Office of the Australian Information Commission to avoid the same matter being investigated twice.

Contact person

11. If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission's FOI Coordinator 03 9653 2100 or email foi@pc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Mary Cavar
Executive Manager
FOI Decision maker (in accordance with s23(1) of the FOI Act)

ATTACHMENT A

1. Child mental health: building a shared language

<https://insightplus.mja.com.au/2019/36/child-mental-health-building-a-shared-language/>

2. DHS 2019c

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/family-tax-benefit/what-can-affect-your-payment/healthy-start-school#healthcheck>

3. DET 2017

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/mchs-2016-17-annual-reports>

4. Alexander, Brijnath and Mazza 2014

<https://implementationscience.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1748-5908-9-60>

5. Oberklaid 2014

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2014/201/7/prevention-and-early-detection-young-children-challenges-policy-and-practice>

6. Alexander and Mazza 2015

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2015/203/8/scrapping-healthy-kids-check-lost-opportunity>

7. Submission 191

https://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/240411/sub191-mental-health.pdf

8. Daubney, Cameron and Scuffham 2013

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2013/198/9/changes-healthy-kids-check-will-we-get-it-right>