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Department of Health and Aged Care

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Ms Emma McArthur
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Dear Ms McArthur

I refer to your correspondence of 16 November 2022 to the Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP regarding the legal liability of health professionals administering COVID-19 vaccine. Your letter has been referred to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP. The Minister has asked me to reply.

I note that you have also raised this issue with the former Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mr Greg Hunt on 11 November 2021 and 21 January 2022.

As previously advised health professionals should be seeking informed consent from patients before providing vaccination services, but the question of legal liability if they do not obtain such consent is a matter for affected individuals to seek their own legal advice on.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Murray'.

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