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From: Phillips, Glenn
Sent: Thursday, 7 January 2016 10:34 AM
To: FOI
Cc: s22 Beswick, Wayne
Subject: RE: FOI/2015/252- FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: FW: MJD Media Release [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; Media Release: Labor wrong on MJD support [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s22

The written content in both releases is identical. I have attached a copy of the original release for verification.

The current release has a picture of the Minister which was not present in the original release.

The new portal went live 17 December 2015.

The original release was available from 11 December 2015 until the portal changed.

If you require further detail please advise.

Many thanks
Glenn

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Happy to discuss.

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Cc: s47F
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Dear s22

Thank you for your prompt response.

Could you please confirm that Minister Scullion's media release now placed back 'on line' is identical to that which was released and originally posted?

Could you also please confirm the date upon which the Media Release was originally removed from web site.

Yours faithfully

On Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 4:54 PM, FOI <FOI@pmc.gov.au> wrote:

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Afternoon

Thank you for your application for documents under the Freedom of Information Act. In reviewing your request with the relevant officers within the Department it was brought to our attention that the media release you are seeking access to was not converted to the new IT portal when an upgrade was carried out. This has since been rectified and the relevant media release is now back 'online'—

<https://ministers.dpmc.gov.au/scullion/2015/labor-wrong-mjd-support>

With this new information could you please let me know if you wish to continue with your FOI request or would like to withdraw?

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, s22

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 30 December 2015 9:28 AM
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Cc: s47F
Subject: FOI Application

The FOI Contact Officer

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Request for Access to Documents

We wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act for access to the original Ministerial Media Release made by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Scullion in late November / early December 2015 regarding the Commonwealth Government's decision to appeal the Federal Court decision to disallow the Minister's previous decision to overturn the previous government's July 31 2013 approval to grant \$10 million from the Aboriginal Benefits Account to the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation.

Whilst initially listed on the Minister's web site the aforementioned media release was subsequently removed and is no longer available.

The contact details for notifications and advice arising from this application are set out below.

Yours sincerely

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FYI media release on MJD

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Minister Scullion ABA Media Release [DLM=For-

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Hi 

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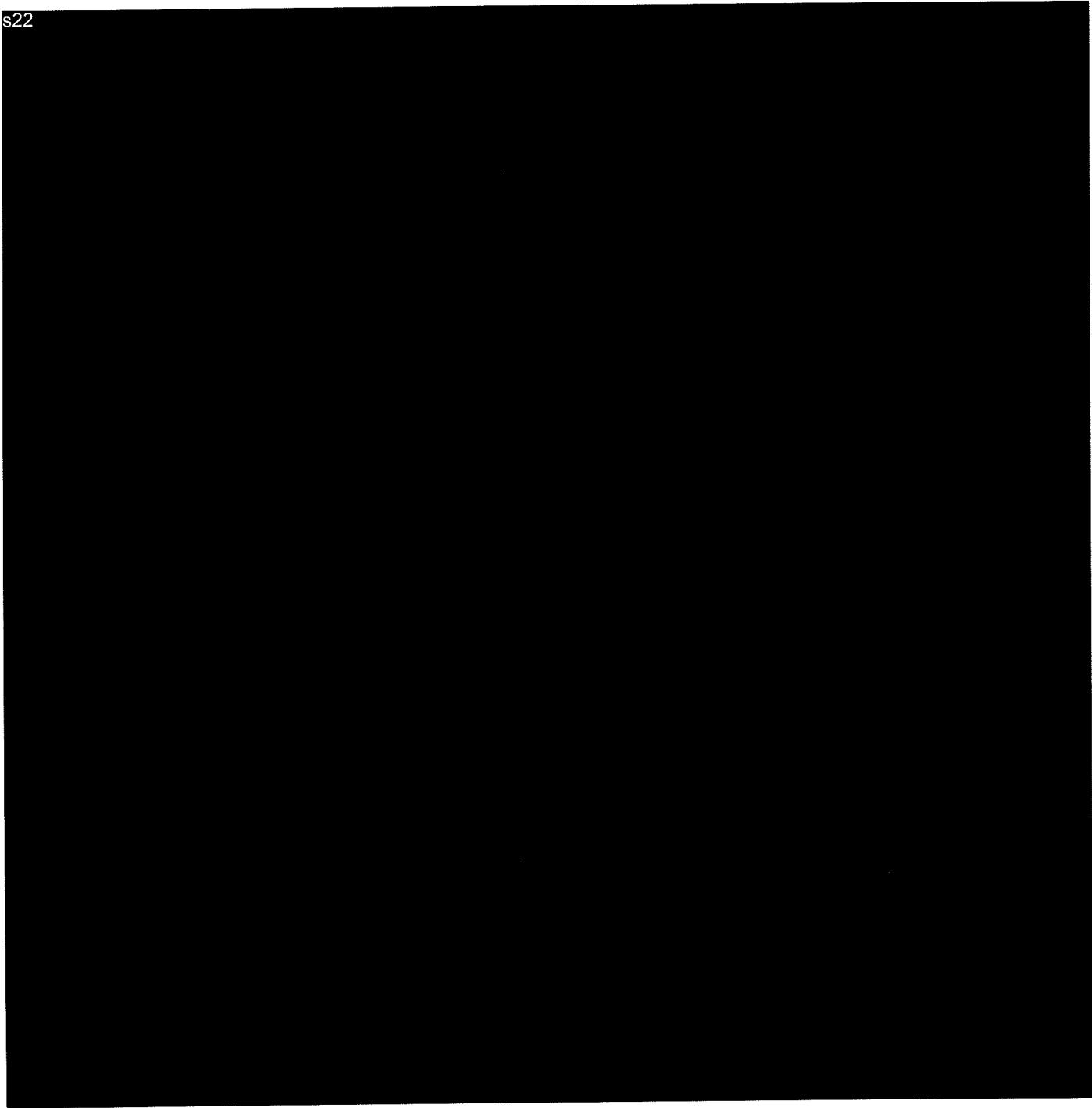
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