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Dear Mr Camporeale

**Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Biological articles for Paul Rath**

We refer to:

- a) your letter of 8 May 2023 (**Letter**) in which you request a formal written response regarding the status, location and availability for testing of the four biological articles identified in the Letter in respect of the death of Mr Paul Rath by 15 May 2023; and
- b) our letter to you dated 15 May 2023 seeking an extension to the date for NSWPF's response to the Letter.

**Status of four biological exhibits**

Our Office is instructed that enquiries into the status, location and availability of the biological articles have been made. Ms Michele Franco, Group Manager, Evidence Recovery, Forensic Biology/DNA of the Forensic and Analytical Science Service has advised:

- a) Laboratory records indicate the two swabs and two smears for this matter were received on 16 June 1977.
- b) In 1977, the laboratory did not retain swabs and/or smears for long term storage.
- c) There are no records retained relating to the disposal or dispatch of the swabs and/or smears.

Please let us know if NSWPF can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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