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**Department of Health and Aged Care**

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Dear s47F and s47F

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 February 2024 and 20 March 2024 to the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport, Hon Anika Wells MP regarding Future Fit Meal Services and Open Care Tech, respectively. The Minister has asked me to reply.

The department recognises the time and effort you have put into developing the Future Fit deliverables with the ultimate goal of supporting older people to access nutritious meals and to help ensure viability of organisations that provide those meals and accompanying social supports.

The contract with Miles Morgan Australia (MMA) to support the Future Fit project ended on 31 December 2023. In January the Department of Health and Aged Care put in place a transitional contract with MMA. This contract was to close out the Future Fit project and to fully transition any MMA administration at Whitehorse while consideration was given by the Australian Government on the next steps for reforms. However, MMA notified the department on 31 January 2024 that it will no longer be involved in the proposed meals Feasibility Study, which was to be the likely next stage of Future Fit. The department is therefore considering its options before preparing advice to government.

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We welcome your offer to discuss the Future Fit Collective and Open Care Tech with you. The below questions build on those I posed to you on 20 March:

s47G(1)(a)



I will ask my team to arrange a time to discuss these important issues. Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

s47F



Thea Connolly  
First Assistant Secretary  
Home and Residential Division  
4 April 2024

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**From:** [Minister Wells](#)  
**To:** [MPS](#)  
**Cc:** [Minister Wells](#)  
**Subject:** MC24-002248 A SERVICE LED FUTURE [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 12 February 2024 3:15:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image003.jpg](#)  
[image005.jpg](#)

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D response – HRD

Thanks,

s47E(c),  
s47F (Graduate)

**From:** s47F

**Sent:** Saturday, February 10, 2024 11:13 PM

**To:** Minister Wells <[Minister.Wells@Health.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Wells@Health.gov.au)>; [Minister.Wells@aph.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Wells@aph.gov.au)

**Subject:** A SERVICE LED FUTURE

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Dear Minister Wells,

We are writing to you as s47G(1)(a)

FUTURE FIT has representatives from not only our two States, but also representatives s47G(1)(a). A number of services have contacted us raising concerns in relation to the current issues regarding to the future of the study, but also the opportunity to realise the benefits intended from FUTURE FIT.

Over the last two years frontline s47G(1)(a) have participated enthusiastically in FUTURE FIT. Collectively, we have contributed our unfunded time and effort to the development of software as part of this transformation program. We have built the foundation of a future operating model and we are all now concerned that others may seek to take away our ideas and autonomy to suit their own purposes.

We believe the only way to counter this and associated market distortion and/or vendor lock-in, is to make the software developed through FUTURE FIT, open source.

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We look forward to being able to share this vision in more detail as we take this opportunity forward.

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**Subject:** FW: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Order for the Production of Documents - Gallagher Letter template.docx

Hey s47E(c), s47F – see the below advice from the DLO

I tried to ring s47E(c), s47F in the parliamentary team to see what type of PDR I should be creating.

Gallagher as a new template – can you copy your draft email into this one please 😊

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**From:** Minister Wells DLO s47E(d) @Health.gov.au>  
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**Subject:** RE: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47E(c), s47F

Can you please initiate a PDR for the 2 letters and include this email. Can you please name it “Order for Production of Documents – Future Fit Program- Request for extension”. Please use new template for the Sen Gallagher letter (attached). Due to time constraints there is no need for a brief. Once cleared we will action at our end.

Kind regards,  
 s47E(c), s47F

Departmental Liaison Officer

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Subject: FW: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi team

We received an OPD yesterday for the Meals on Wheels Future Fit work. We will seek an extension and I wanted to confirm the approach with the office:

Are you happy for us to submit a ministerial brief outlining the key issues and include the following letters:

- Letter from Wells to Gallagher
- Letter from Gallagher to the President of the Senate

Please let me know your preferred approach

Thank you!

s47E(c),  
s47F

Many thanks,

s47E(c), s47F

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Subject: FW: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

For vis, we'll probably start with seeking an extension this time. We will need to [REDACTED] s42 [REDACTED]. It might not take long, but will eat into the time available. [REDACTED] s47E(c), s47F are you able to liaise with Senator Gallagher's office on this please, we'll send you up letters to support. Regards Thea

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**Subject:** RE: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

Good evening,

We have received confirmation from the Senate Parliamentary Liaison Officer the motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Gallagher) to table **documents regarding the Future Fit Program** was moved by Senator Rice and agreed to by the Senate this afternoon – please see the attached email.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, we are here to assist.

Thank you

[REDACTED] s47E(c), s47F

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**Subject:** ATT: Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

Please see the below email and attached documents regarding notification of a potential Order of Production of Documents regarding the Future Fit Program. This OPD will be considered by the Senate **today** and we will advise the outcome once notified by the Senate Parliamentary Liaison Officer.

All relevant information should be outlined in the attached documents but please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you

s47E(c), s47F

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**Subject:** Heads Up - Order for the Production of Documents – Future Fit Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Good evening

Please note: this motion has **NOT** been considered by the Senate yet. It may not get agreed to, this email is to provide you with a heads up.

Please see the attached motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Gallagher) to table **documents regarding the Future Fit Program** (details in the attached). This motion will be moved by Senator Rice tomorrow, Tuesday 27 February 2024 – the Senate has **not yet considered the motion.**

**If agreed** by the Senate:

- The Senator's office will receive a letter from the Clerk of the Senate outlining the order agreed by the Senate. The Senator would be required to provide the specified documents by **no later than 12.00pm, Thursday 14 March 2024**.
- Once the documents have been gathered and approved by the Senator for tabling, they should be accompanied by a letter to the President of the Senate (Senator the Honourable Sue Lines), indicating that the documents are the Senator's response to the Order for the Production of Documents. Alternatively, the Senator can write to the President of the Senate outlining their reasons for not being in a position to comply with the order.
- Where the documents are being requested of a Senate minister in their capacity representing a House of Representatives minister, it is the House of Representatives minister's responsibility for compiling the documents, but the Senate minister's responsibility to respond to the order. In these circumstances, the House of Representatives minister should write to the Senate minister, outlining the response or reasons for non-compliance, and the Senate minister should write a cover letter addressed to the President of the Senate conveying the response.
- Please provide three hard copies to Senate sub-programming office (room SG 105 outside of the government entrance to the Senate chamber) on sitting days, or the Senate Table Office (SG 25) on non-sitting days. Please also send a single PDF (which should include the letter to the President from the minister, and any attachments related to that order) to the Senate Table Office at s47E(d) [@aph.gov.au](mailto:s47E(d)@aph.gov.au). If the file size is too large to send via email, contact the Senate Table Office via email to make alternative arrangements. In addition, as a matter of courtesy, one copy should be delivered to the requesting Senators office.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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## Senator Rice

### Notice of motion – General business (at the giving of notices)

I give notice that on the next day of sitting, I shall move—That there be laid on the table by the Department of Health and Aged Care, by no later than 12pm on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

- (a) All relevant agreements or other documentation evidencing the chain of title and licensing rights associated with all intellectual property (including all pre-existing intellectual property) created and used for the Future Fit Program, including the chain of title from Miles Morgan Australia's subcontractors involved in the delivery of the program.
- (b) All correspondence related to the ownership of and licenses to all intellectual property created and used for the Future Fit Program.
- (c) All correspondence and other documentation describing the intellectual property created for the Future Fit Program, including pre-existing intellectual property used in the Future Fit Program, including but not limited to, operating models, architectures, design documents.
- (d) All relevant documentation and invoices evidencing acquittal of payment to Miles Morgan Australia by the Department of Health and Aged Care against each milestone, and against each intellectual property asset created as a result of the 2021 contract between Miles Morgan Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care (provided in OPD 393), and the extension contract that ends on 9 March 2024.
- (e) All relevant documents and invoices evidencing acquittal of payments for the \$2.2M Future Fit pilot program in Whitehorse and Ballarat.

**Senator Rice**



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