From: \$ 22

**Sent:** Friday, 12 July 2019 5:09 PM

To: \$ 22
Cc: \$ 22

**Subject:** RE: Update on silicosis [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Attachments: UPDATED SILICOSIS PAPER Agenda Item 16 on MinCor 11072019.docx

Thanks <sup>S 22</sup>

Much appreciated.

Draft QLD paper is enclosed FYI.

Cheers

s 22

**Assistant Manager** 

**Building Industry Section** 

Industry Transition Branch | Industry Growth Division

s 22

Department of Industry, Innovation and Science | www.industry.gov.au

For Official Use Only

From: S 22

Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 4:46 PM

To: \$ 22

Subject: FW: Update on silicosis [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

His 22

As discussed in our call, please see below the points.

- The Australian Government, in response to the emerging trend of new cases of accelerated silicosis, is supporting the development of a national approach to the prevention, early identification, control and management of occupational dust diseases in Australia. A key aspect of this work will be the establishment of a National Dust Disease register.
- Acknowledging the critical role they have in protecting Australians from dust diseases in the workplace, the Australian Government will seek to progress this commitment as a priority in collaboration with the states and territories.
- The Department of Health is currently working with jurisdictions to inform the establishment of a National Dust Disease Taskforce with the view to establish a taskforce as soon as possible. In line with the election commitment the Taskforce will work towards providing advice back to COAG Health Council by the end of 2020.
- There is strong interest in the progress of this commitment and the Taskforce will ensure its work takes into consideration the views of all stakeholder including the key health and medical professionals, state and territory governments and regulators, consumers, industry and workplace health and safety stakeholders.

As mentioned, the discussions with jurisdictions mentioned above has been through the Australian Health Minister Advisory Council (AHMAC) Clinical Principal Committee, a committee under the COAG Health Council.

Regards

Environmental Health, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Policy Section | Regulatory Policy Branch | Office of Health Protection Department of Health

Telephone: \$ 22 Email: \$ 22

Post: GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601

Office location: Level 5, Scarborough House, Atlantic St, Phillip, ACT | MDP 1060

From: S 22

Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 2:16 PM

To: \$ 22

Cc: \$ 22

BMF Secretariat < BMF. Secretariat@industry.gov.au >; \$ 22

Subject: RE: Update on silicosis [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good Afternoon <sup>s 22</sup>

We recently transferred Department of Health responsibility for dust diseases to the Office of Health Protection within the Department.

s 22 (copied in) is your best contact for everything dust diseases related moving forward.

Cheers,

s 22

A/gDirector

**Preventive Policy Section** 

Ph: \$ 22

I am not in the office on Fridays

The Department of Health acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past and present.

From: \$ 22

Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 1:18 PM

To: \$ 22 Cc: \$ 22

BMF

Secretariat < <a href="mailto:BMF.Secretariat@industry.gov.au">BMF.Secretariat@industry.gov.au</a> > Subject: Update on silicosis [DLM=Sensitive]

H S 22

FOI 1253 2 of 3 Document 1

Thank you again for your help with our urgent briefing on silicosis for Minister Andrews in May.

We are gearing up for a Building Ministers' Forum meeting next week and have a verbal briefing with Mrs Andrews on Monday. Are you able to provide an update on silicosis related activities underway in your respective Departments today or tomorrow?

FYI - Queensland has provided a draft paper on silicosis (enclosed). s 47C

Happy to discuss

s 22

**Assistant Manager** 

Building Industry Section
Industry Transition Branch | Industry Growth Division
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Industry House Level 11 10 Binara Street, Canberra City ACT 2601 GPO Box 9839, Canberra ACT 2601 Australia

Ph: s 22 Email s 22

Internet: www.industry.gov.au

ABN 74 599 608 295

Sensitive

"Important: This transmission is intended only for the use of the addressee and may contain confidential or legally privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient, you are notified that any use or dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you receive this transmission in error please notify the author immediately and delete all copies of this transmission."

FOI 1253 3 of 3 Document 1