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**To:** FOI; s22  
**Cc:** s22 CLARKE, Louise  
**Subject:** RE: Next steps: FOI request 2165 - s47F - Bonded Medical Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi s22 and the FOI team

Thanks for yesterday's discussion and for the proposed email to s47F . We've considered our prior dealings with the applicant and don't believe any changes should be made to the response. We spotted a few small typos in the response – see the tiny markups in red.

s22 will be back as the responsible Director from next week.

Many thanks

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 January 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** CLARKE, Louise ; s47F s22  
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Hi All,

Thank you for your time on the phone this morning and apologies for the technical difficulties.

Next steps

As discussed, we will seek an informal consultation (draft attached for FYI) with the applicant asking that they revise the scope of the request – **please let us know if you have any views otherwise we intend to send this as soon as possible, and no later than COB tomorrow, Friday 8 January 2020.** As noted, we wouldn't normally provide drafts in this way for a straightforward informal consultation, but we understand that you are dealing with other matters from this particular applicant.

At this stage we **do not think it is necessary to provide a sample estimate as the request is clearly too large.** If the applicant reduces the request to a reasonable size we will proceed with processing this request.

If the applicant does not revise the scope, we will draft a formal consultation notice under section 24AB of the FOI Act. The applicant then has 14 days from the date they receive the notice to either withdraw the request, make a revised request, or indicate that they do not wish to revise the request – the FOI processing clock stops during this time. The 24AB notice will require your review and signature.

We are of the view that unless this request is reduced substantially that a practical refusal decision is likely.

We will keep you informed as to how the applicant responds.

If you have any further questions, please contact either myself or s22 .

s22

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