

The Hon. Paul Green MLC  
Chair  
NSW Legislative Council Select Committee on  
Off-protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW

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Dear Mr Green

I understand that as part of the hearing held yesterday into off protocol prescribing of chemotherapy there was mention that I had been advised of a pending external review by St Vincent's Hospital into chemotherapy prescribing by Dr John Grygiel.

By way of context, in late 2015 Mr Schembri, Chief Executive, St Vincent's Hospital, telephoned me one evening to alert me to a potential media story relating to the prescribing of the chemotherapy by one of their doctors.

Mr Schembri advised me that St Vincent's had reviewed prescribing of one doctor in their hospital and, that based on their assessment, there was no impact on patients. He added that they were engaging an external expert to review their findings.

I advised Mr Schembri that Professor David Currow, Chief Executive, Cancer Institute NSW, would be able to assist in identifying experts for their external review should this be required.

I would welcome the opportunity to present as a witness before the Committee in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary  
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