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Dear Ms Bosch

I refer to your letter of 21 December 2004 regarding questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates Hearing on 20 December 2004.

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC asked a question which was taken on notice relating to the number of Client Death Report Forms submitted to the Centre for Mental Health during 2003 – 04.

The number of forms submitted per month in each month during 2003-04 period ranged from 17 to 36. Deaths reported include those by accident, homicide, natural causes and suicide.

In relation to deaths by suicide, the Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that the suicide rates in NSW declined from 15.1 per 100,000 persons in 1997 to 9.6 per 100,000 persons in 2002.

Yours sincerely

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Director General