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The Hon Robyn Parker
Chairperson
General Purpose Standing Committee 2
NSW Parliament Legislative Council
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Dear Ms Parker

During the NSW Parliament's Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee 2 (GPSC2) Budget Estimate Hearing for the Health portfolio (held between 5.00pm to 9.00pm on Friday, 26 October) the Hon Lee Rhiannon MLC asked the Minister for Health the following question:

'Minister, are you aware that a senior executive of Sydney West Area Health service has substantial shares in a software company Specialist Information Services and that Specialist Information Services (SIS) has sold breast cancer management and monitoring software in April this year to his own hospital? We have the order number, and for your interest it is dated 10 April this year, the number is 690566.'

On Monday, 29 October I directed the Department's Corporate Governance & Risk Management Branch to review the allegations and on 1 November 2007 I formally notified ICAC of the allegations.

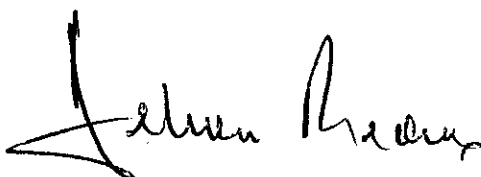
On 4 December 2007 the ICAC wrote to me to advise the following:

"I note the allegations by Ms Rhiannon relate to matters already investigated by the Department and reported to the ICAC. I note that the Department has previously concluded that Professor Boyages' interests have been managed appropriately and there is no information to support any allegations of corrupt conduct. Given the ICAC's previous consideration of these allegations, the ICAC has determined not to taken any action in respect of this matter."

I wish to advise that the inquiries and investigation made into the allegations raised by Ms Rhiannon on 26 October 2007 have found no evidence of corrupt conduct.

I would appreciate if you could ensure that members of the GPSC2 are advised of the outcome of the Department's investigation and the response by ICAC. This information should also be included in the official Hansard record.

Yours sincerely



Professor Debora Picone AM
Director-General

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