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Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2014 2:54 PM
To: Heidi Carr
Subject: FW: Statistics with respect to intrapartum stillbirths

Hello Heidi – please see the response below from Prof Michael Humphrey.

Kind regards

Andrea

 Dear Heidi

The Queensland Maternal and Perinatal Quality Council discussed your question at its 9 December 2014 meeting.

The Council believes that the most appropriate form of review for stillbirths is multi-disciplinary clinical review, with special attention being paid to normally formed mature babies who died during labour/birth. It is the Council's view that this latter group (babies of 37 weeks gestation or more [and that could reasonably be extended back to 28 weeks or more] without congenital malformation should die quite infrequently in the labour/birth process, and should be examined by a Root Cause Analysis or some other formal form of process review.

If the Coronial Law is to be changed to encompass stillbirths the Council would suggest that it would be quite inappropriate to examine all of the 450-500 stillbirths per year in Queensland. It is reasonable to say that most unexpected stillbirths are in the group of babies of 37 weeks gestation or more without congenital malformation that die during the birth process

Cheers
 Michael Humphrey

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Sent: Tuesday, 25 November 2014 11:24 AM
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Subject: RE: Statistics with respect to intrapartum stillbirths

Thank you Andrea.

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Hey Heidi – thanks for your email. I have just forwarded it on to Prof Humphrey for his consideration and response. Stay tuned.

Regards

Andrea

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From: Heidi Carr [<mailto:Heidi.Carr@justice.qld.gov.au>]
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Hi Andrea,

I hope you are well.

As you may recall, I have been considering possible amendments to the *Coroners Act 2003* regarding the investigation of stillbirths. In correspondence from the Office of the State Coroner a reference is made to advice from Professor Humphrey that in his view 'only those intrapartum stillbirths where the foetus has reached 28 weeks or more gestation warrant independent review'. I have been asked to ascertain the rationale for Professor Humphrey's view. Are you able to facilitate this?

Thanks very much,
 Heidi

Heidi Carr

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