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From: Fiona Hawthorne <Fiona.Hawthorne@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 September 2014 4:07 PM
To: Heidi Carr
Cc: Erin Finn
Subject: RE: Possible amendments to the Coroners Act 2003 regarding the investigation of stillbirths

Hello Heidi,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately we have not yet been able to significantly progress the review of existing mechanisms to review stillbirths in the public health system. We have drafted an issues paper to canvass support to strengthen legislation to remove any doubt that intrapartum stillbirths can be the subject of legally protected root cause analysis. We hope to be able to finalise that paper for stakeholder consultation next month. I'm not sure of any additional role for the Health Ombudsman and would suggest that would be best discussed directly with them.

Kind regards, Fiona

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From: Heidi Carr [<mailto:Heidi.Carr@justice.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 15 September 2014 4:59 PM
To: Fiona Hawthorne
Subject: Possible amendments to the Coroners Act 2003 regarding the investigation of stillbirths

Dear Fiona,

I am the officer within the Strategic Policy and Legal Services division of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General who is currently considering possible amendments to the *Coroners Act 2003* regarding the investigation of stillbirths. As you may recall, Amber Manwaring was previously responsible for this matter.

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I note that the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP provided a submission dated 13 August 2013 in relation to this matter, and I just wanted to ascertain what, if anything, has

changed or improved since such time, and in addition to the previous mechanisms outlined, whether there is an additional role for the Health Ombudsman regarding the investigation of stillbirths.

Kind regards,

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