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Dear Mr Knight

Supplementary Submission - Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Health and Ageing, Woden

Thank you for forwarding the Australian Greenhouse Office's (AGO) submission in relation to the above proposal (Submission 4) to the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) on 9 May 2007.

The Department appreciates the support of the AGO for the proposed development.

It is noted that the Department had specified the requirement to meet the Australian Government's Energy Efficiency in Government Operations (EEGO) 4.5 star Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) policy requirement in the original request for tender.

The Department then sought to meet the objectives of the applicable Green Lease Schedule (GLS) by embedding the requirements in the body of the proposed lease. However, as per the recent AGO advice to the PWC, the Department will now meet the EEGO requirements by attaching a B1 GLS to any lease relating to the proposed new Woden office accommodation.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Neil Storey, Director, Central Office Accommodation, on (02) 6289 8281 or by email, <u>neil.storey@health.gov.au</u>, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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