

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Email for legislative review funds [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Friday, 16 January 2026 11:11:35 AM  
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Hi s.22,

Could you please prepare an email for Ash to send to Chris Bedford, Cindy Toms and s.22 to advise that we will not be expending the \$700,000 allocated this financial year to the legislative review?

It should note that following discussion with the Minister's Office, the legislative review will be unlikely to commence during this financial year and as such we're identifying the funds to be available for other purposes within the TGA. It should also note that we therefore ask the \$700,000 be available in 2026-27 for the purposes of the legislative review.

s.22, for your visibility on how we're managing the funds.

Thank you!

s.22  
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**From:** s.22  
**To:** MCLACHLAN-BENT, Ashley  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Draft email: \$700K legislative funds [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
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Hi Ash,

As discussed earlier this week, due to the new agreed approach for the legislative review, below is a draft email to Cindy/Chris and s.22 regarding the funding we have allocated this financial year:

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**To:** [Cindy.Toms@health.gov.au](mailto:Cindy.Toms@health.gov.au);

**Cc:** [Chris.Bedford@health.gov.au](mailto:Chris.Bedford@health.gov.au); s22

**Subject:** Identification of anticipated unspent funds

Hi Cindy,

As part of MYEFO 2024-25 under the Enhanced Regulatory Model for Vaping Products Measure, \$700,000 was allocated in 2025-26 for an independent review to be conducted on the operations of the amendments made by Schedules 1, 3 and 4 to the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Act 2024*.

Following discussions internally with RLSD and with the Minister's Office regarding the timing in the broader Budget context, this funding is not anticipated to be expended this financial year.

I ask that you agree for the 2025-26 funding to be nominated for expenditure for other purposes within the TGA and that \$700,000 be flagged for VIEB's 2026-27 budget for expenditure in line with the commitment for the review to commence no later than 1 July 2027.

If approved, we will work with s.22 and the FBP team to give effect to this change. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ashley

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Thanks

s.22

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**From:** [MCLACHLAN-BENT, Ashley](#)  
**To:** [TOMS, Cindy](#)  
**Cc:** [s.22](#); [BEDFORD, Chris](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Identification of anticipated unspent funds [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
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Cindy

As part of MYEFO 2024-25 under the Enhanced Regulatory Model for Vaping Products Measure, \$700,000 in departmental funds was allocated in 2025-26 for an independent review to be conducted on the operations of the amendments made by Schedules 1, 3 and 4 to the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Act 2024*. Following a number of discussions regarding the timing in the broader Budget context, this funding is not anticipated to be expended this financial year.

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If approved, we will work with [s.22](#) and the FBP team to give effect to this change. Please let me know if you require further information.

Ashley

**Ashley McLachlan-Bent**  
**Assistant Secretary**

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