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**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** Jess Wellard <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Tom Goodwin <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** DNA Commission of Inquiry - Lara Keller's evidence [HR-BRS.FID665238]

Dear Jess

We confirm that we act for Ms Lara Keller, who has given evidence in the Commission of Inquiry.

During the course of Ms Keller's evidence, she was questioned on multiple occasions about her input into the terms of reference for the external review. For example, see the transcript of the hearing on 25 October 2022 (Day 18), at T2212 -2215.

In Ms Keller's evidence, she said that she thought she had sent an email, in which she had offered suggestions about the wording of the terms of reference.

In response, Mr Hodge said *'I'm sure if Mr Holt has an email he can deal with that.'*

Please find attached the email that Ms Keller was referring to in her evidence. You will see that the email is dated 27 February 2022, and is addressed to Ms Nicola Lord, Principal Lawyer, Legal Branch, Corporate Services Division, Queensland Health, and copied to others. In her email, Ms Keller suggests the inclusion of the words "or *'Insufficient DNA detected.'*"

We would be grateful if this email could be considered by the Commission.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards  
Jackie

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**From:** Lara Keller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 27 February 2022 5:23 PM  
**To:** Nicola Lord  
**Cc:** Megan Fairweather; Petra Derrington  
**Subject:** RE: Further Instructions Requested - Updated Terms of Reference - Systems and Processes Review

Apologies All

One other proposed amendment if that is acceptable:

Section 4.2, item (l) currently states

The approach leading up to and reporting of "No DNA detected" at the quantification stage, including the apparent approach taken by FSS that samples returning this result do not progress to the amplification or other subsequent stages, with the apparent outcome that the PowerPlex 21 DNA profiling kit and statistical analysis using STRmix software is not utilised on samples where it is reported "No DNA detected".

Suggested amendment in red:

The approach leading up to and reporting of "No DNA detected" or "Insufficient DNA detected" at the quantification stage, including the apparent approach taken by FSS that samples returning this result do not progress to the amplification or other subsequent stages, with the apparent outcome that the PowerPlex 21 DNA profiling kit and statistical analysis using STRmix software is not utilised on samples where it is reported "No DNA detected" or "Insufficient DNA detected".

Thanks and kind regards

Lara



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