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Dear Dr Sara

I am writing in relation to *PD2005_576 Office Accommodation Policy – Public Health Organisations and Ambulance Service*. You will recall that in a reply to your letter to the Secretary of 28 November 2017, I advised that this Policy Directive was being reviewed by the Ministry's Financial Services and Asset Management Division and Health Infrastructure.

The revision will address the implications for workplace accommodation in hospitals arising from the NSW Government Fitout Design Principles (Office Workplace Accommodation) — Guide published by Property NSW in November. This guide is at:

<https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/MP-11i%20GuideOffice/020Fitout%20Design%20Principles%20171101.pdf>.

Since my letter to you in December 2017, it has become apparent that the thirteen year old Policy Directive should be rescinded. This action will precede revision and publication of the replacement Policy Directive.

I am mindful that the content of *PD2005_576 Office Accommodation Policy – Public Health Organisations and Ambulance Service* has been overtaken by contemporary standards in active or agile workspaces. It is not appropriate for new hospital projects to be required to comply with a Policy Directive which was published thirteen years ago in 2005 and refers to *Government Office Accommodation Workspaces Guidelines* published in 1999.

Therefore I am formally advising the Union that *PD2005_576* is being rescinded. The Union will have the opportunity to contribute to consultation with the Financial Services and Asset Management Division and Health Infrastructure in relation to the new accommodation policy directive.

The Ministry's contact for this matter is Sharon Litchfield, Director Industrial Relations and HR Policy, telephone 9391 9706 or email sharon.litchfield@moh.health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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