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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
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Dr. C.J. Ross-Smith,
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Dear Dr. Ross-Smith,

I refer again to your letter B.bl/4168 of 17th December, 1964, forwarding a letter from the Victorian Branch of your Association concerning the wording used in the Determination made under Section 9 of the Tuberculosis Act, 1948, in relation to the eligibility for payment of tuberculosis allowance.

Since our letter to you dated 11th March, 1964, signed by Dr. H.E. Downes, explaining the position in relation to the payment of tuberculosis allowance to aborigines, the appropriate clauses of the Determination covering eligibility of persons for tuberculosis allowance have been examined, and it would appear that clauses 52(d) and 53(f) may be capable of misinterpretation.

It is therefore proposed to delete clause 52(d) and amend clause 53(f) so that it will refer simply to persons who at the time of their illness are under the care or control of a public authority responsible for welfare and are not supporting themselves and their dependants from their earnings.

I trust that such a clarification of the intention of this provision in the Determination on the payment of tuberculosis allowances will demonstrate that the scheme of tuberculosis allowances is not discriminatory on racial grounds.

Yours sincerely,

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Director-General of Health

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