

RE: Draft report of Johanna Veth and Bruce Budowle

Laura Reece [REDACTED]

Tue 11/15/2022 9:19 AM

To: Kirsty Wright [REDACTED]

Cc: Jess Wellard [REDACTED]

Hi again Kirsty

Jo has confirmed that meeting tomorrow, pending your confirmation of course.

We have just received and uploaded to the electronic brief the following items:

- Response to Notice 2022.0324 which contains further explanation of the documentation provided for Items 1 – 4 (this includes answers to questions posed about the swabs etc);
- 2587V4 Preparation of DNA Quantification Standards and In-house Quality Controls;
- Excel spreadsheet entitled – QP1300165446_all_samples_Ext_Pos_Quant (relating to Blackburn)
- Excel spreadsheet entitled – Positive extraction control Quants 2012-2013.

We have also added some documents which were provided late yesterday which are communications between the lab and other labs/scientists at the time of the STRmix validation. Jo and Bruce's review of the STRmix and PP21 validations is due back today, as I think I may have already told you. I will forward it on as soon as it arrives.

Cheers

Laura

From: Kirsty Wright [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 November 2022 8:27 AM**To:** Laura Reece [REDACTED]**Cc:** Jess Wellard [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Draft report of Johanna Veth and Bruce Budowle

Good morning Laura,

Thank you for the update. I am on leave this week, so it is the best chance for me to prepare for the Inquiry. Do you mind if I reach out to Dr Veth to try to arrange a meeting for tomorrow?

Thank you for arranging for the extra information about the positive control concentrations, that will be really helpful. To get a good data set for evaluation, could I request all extraction positive control concentrations from mid-2012 to mid-2013?

Could I also obtain the following information:

1. Extraction positive control concentrations specifically for batches:

- CWIQMAX20130225_02
- CWIQLYS20130301_02
- CWIQLYS20130423_01

2. Confirmation of what Proteinase K lot numbers were pH tested as part of OQI#34043. Specifically, were SLBB9031V_U, SLBB9031V_T, SLBC6526V_W, and SLBC6526V_X pH tested and if so, what was their pH?

These lots were used on the lysis batches containing the BLACKBURN evidence of concern. I note they were used in lysis batches just prior to the Proteinase K with the high pH identified as '1251021_A'. It could be that there was no Proteinase K left to pH test in the other above lots, so it is therefore uncertain if they were affected. To state only one Proteinase K lot was affected, suggests that other lots were also pH tested, but I would like to confirm if that was possible. If not, it still raises doubt those batches.

Thank you for your help

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Dear Kirsty

I have discussed this question with senior counsel assisting the Commissioner, Michael Hodge KC. He has suggested that once you have spoken with Jo and Bruce we could arrange to speak with you to discuss next steps, and the likely format of the hearing. In the meantime if you wish to compile an addendum report you should feel free to do so.

We anticipate receiving a further report from Jo and Bruce relating to the validations of STRmix and PP21 tomorrow, and will forward that to you as soon as it arrives.

We have requested from Queensland Health the further data you nominated in your email on Friday.

Kind regards

Laura

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To: Laura Reece [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Draft report of Johanna Veth and Bruce Budowle

Good morning Laura,

Thank you for sending that through. I reviewed Dr Veth's report yesterday and continued on with some further analysis of the other documents provided.

Could you please advise what the next steps are following my discussions with Jo and Bruce? Do you need me to write a statement or another report?

Best wishes

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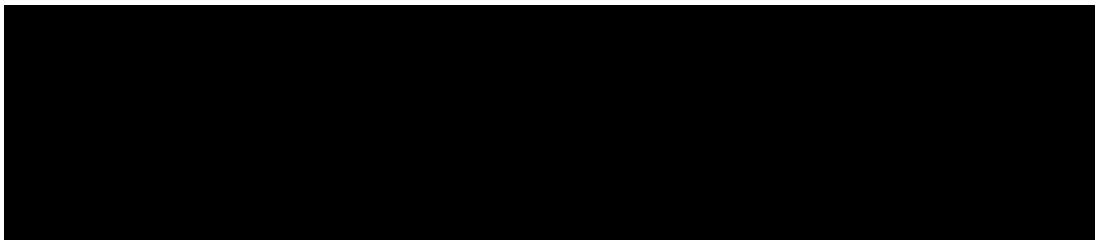
Dear Kirsty

Please find attached the draft report in the Blackburn case, which we received earlier today. I apologise for not sending this email sooner, I thought I had done so but it was waiting patiently to go out when I logged on just now.

I have passed on your contact details to Jo who will get in touch with you soon I'm sure.

Kind regards,

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