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Dear Ms Radcliffe

My response to the question below.

Relapsing fever was de-gazetted as a notifiable disease in Western Australia (WA) in 2007. During the time it was a notifiable disease no cases were notified in WA. The process by which it was listed on and removed from the notifiable diseases list was in accordance with the Communicable Disease Control Australia's guidelines and criteria for assessing whether an infectious disease should be notifiable. The assessment was conducted by staff of the Communicable Disease Control Directorate, approved by the Director General of Health and then by WA Parliament.

Written Question:

At the committee's hearing in Perth Ms Elaine Kelly from Sarcoidosis Lyme Australia gave evidence that between 1994 and 2001 relapsing fever was listed as a notifiable disease in Western Australia. Could the Department of Health provide details of the cause, prevalence, symptoms and treatment associated with that relapsing fever, the process by which it was listed as a notifiable disease, and then the process by which it was removed from the list?

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