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Dear Mr Humphery

## **Inquiry Into Gynaecological Health In Australia**

Thank you for your letter inviting the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to provide a submission.

Earlier in the year the Institute provided copies to you of the following reports to assist in a response to the petition on gynaecological health issues:

- Reproductive Health Indicators, Australia, 2002
- Maternal Deaths In Australia, 1997-1999
- Cancer In Australia, 2001
- Cervical Screening In Australia 2002-2003

Mr John Harding subsequently represented the Institute at the Senate Roundtable discussion on 3 March 2006.

To assist the Senate with the Inquiry, the attached set of summary statistics on gynaecological cancers has been prepared. A detailed statistical report on ovarian cancer is being finalised and a copy will be provided when it is released in several weeks.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr John Harding, Head, Health Registers and Cancer Monitoring Unit at the Institute (phone 6244 1140, email [john.harding@aihw.gov.au](mailto:john.harding@aihw.gov.au))

Yours sincerely

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