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Victorian Branch

The Hon Ella George MLA  
Chairperson  
Legal and Social Issues Committee  
Legislative Assembly  
Parliament of Victoria

By email to: [fvpdata@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:fvpdata@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Chairperson

**Re: Questions on notice from hearing**

Thank you for inviting the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) to participate in the hearing for the Inquiry into Capturing Data on Family Violence Perpetrators in Victoria, held on Monday 12 August.

Please find below my written response to the questions you asked during the hearing that I took on notice. These questions have also been referred to the RANZCP Victorian Branch who may be able to provide further comment.

**What data can health practitioners share about patients' health records in regard to family violence while still complying with Victorian privacy and health records legislation?**

I am unable to comment on privacy and health records legislation. This is a legal matter that is beyond the scope of my expertise as a forensic psychiatrist.

**Does privacy and health records legislation require reviewing to provide the Victorian Government and researchers with greater access to deidentified data, with consent, for analysis?**

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Yours sincerely

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact Cameron Boyle, Policy Officer, Branches, via [Redacted] or on [Redacted]