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Subject: Freedom of Information Request - Studies re isolation of SARS-COV-2

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request to the Australian Government Department of Health (department) below:

"All records in the possession, custody or control of The Department of Health describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; lung cells from a lung cancer patient).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- *the culturing of something,*
- *or the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test),*
- *or the sequencing of something.*

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by The Department of Health or that pertain to work done by The Department of Health. My request includes any sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study that The Department of Health has downloaded or printed.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it).

The department does not hold the documents you are seeking access too.

To obtain the information you are seeking please direct your request to the various State and Territory Departments of Health.

Kind regards

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