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Dear Mr. Mair,

I refer to your representations on behalf of Mr. R.L. Kaiser, 971 Resolution Street, North Albury 2640, concerning his campaign to encourage public awareness of glaucoma and to raise funds for research into this disease.

The Department of Health encourages public awareness of health problems through its health promotion programs and community health centres. Fund raising activities, such as that proposed by Mr. Kaiser, cannot be directly funded by the Department whose first priority must be in the delivery of health services.

The Department supports centres of excellence in medical research with funds for the administrative infrastructures of these organisations. These specialised research bodies work with universities, teaching hospitals and national bodies on a wide range of research priorities. Additionally, in the area of Ophthalmology, the Department subsidises the Sydney Eye Hospital which is a strategic research and teaching hospital.

In consideration of the quite specific role of the Department in funding research activities, I regret that Mr. Kaiser's request for funds cannot be met.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Anderson
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Minister for Health