

SWEENEY, Paul

From: ELLIS, Neil
Sent: Monday, 6 November 2023 10:01 AM
To: SWEENEY, Paul
Subject: FW: draft statement on addressing misinformation on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Addressing misinformation - Matt and Raj's comments.docx

Hi Paul, attached is a draft statement that we might put on our website for mRNA vaccines.
Any comments welcome
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From: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 3 November 2023 1:39 PM
To: O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>; ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft statement on addressing misinformation on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil,
It looks pretty good. I have added some minor text to Matt's comments.

Happy for this to go to TGA for comments, unless you wish to circulate internally?

Thanks,
Raj.

From: O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 3 November 2023 12:28 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>; BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft statement on addressing misinformation on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil,

Looks good – a couple of suggestions from me.

Cheers

Matt

From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 November 2023 4:45 PM
To: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>
Subject: draft statement on addressing misinformation on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Raj and Matt, attached is a draft of a possible statement on mRNA vaccines – it's modelled on the DAFF statement.
For further discussion and views/comments
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Cheers
Neil

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SWEENEY, Paul

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of BHULA, Raj
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 3:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Addressing misinformation - revised.docx

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 16 November 2023 3:45 PM
To: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>
Cc: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Subject: FW: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As mentioned

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 November 2023 1:05 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil,

As mentioned, I've only got a couple of minor suggestions on the draft statement – see attached. It would be worth running it past CDES, I'm not familiar with terminology around transfection but they would be.

[REDACTED]
From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 November 2023 1:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED] for discussion at some stage soon
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From: ELLIS, Neil
Sent: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 9:31 AM
To: HENDERSON, Nick <Nick.Henderson@health.gov.au>
Cc: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>
Subject: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Nick

We are looking to release a statement on our website to help dispel the misinformation about OGTR's role in regulating mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna).

Central to this is to outline TGA's role - attached is a draft statement.

We'd appreciate your comments/views

Happy to discuss

Hi Neil

This looks good from me, but I've also sent on to Robyn for any comments. We'll get back to you soon, noting Robyn doesn't work in TGA role on Fridays

Nick

From: HENDERSON, Nick
Sent: Thursday, 9 November 2023 3:51 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Cc: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil

Thanks for sending through, I'm so sorry I haven't had a chance to look through. Tomorrow is looking quieter for me, is it ok for me to go through and get any comments back to you tomorrow?

Nick

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From: BHULA, Raj
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 2:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Addressing misinformation - revised LM RL RB comments.docx

Here is another email trail.

From: BHULA, Raj
Sent: Thursday, 16 November 2023 4:47 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Cc: MATTHEW, Louisa <Louisa.Matthew@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>
Subject: FW: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil,
I have taken Robyn's and Louisa's comments and included them in Louisa's version attached.

Happy to have another look next week, but we are getting close to a final version.

Thanks,
Raj.

From: HENDERSON, Nick <Nick.Henderson@health.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 November 2023 2:44 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Cc: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>; LANGHAM, Robyn <Robyn.LANGHAM@Health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi.Neil

Once again, thank you for sending through. Please find attached a marked-up doc with suggested edits from us. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know when this will be published.

Kind regards
Nick

From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 10 November 2023 10:45 AM
To: HENDERSON, Nick <Nick.Henderson@health.gov.au>
Cc: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>; O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Great, thanks Nick – we'll wait to hear from Robyn

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Subject: RE: proposed OGTR statement on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Or

Resources/statement

... have you got any thoughts or suggestions on where it might best sit?

Next step is to get Raj's agreement to upload it with a link to the page it'll sit on

Cheers

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From: ELLIS, Neil

Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 10:13 AM

To: O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>

Subject: mRNA statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As discussed

SWEENEY, Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 3:51 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: mRNA statement for web upload - best webpage? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

I am pretty sure it can but will have a look at that section on the home page. We can also then add the link to the resource on any other page where this information might be beneficial.

Cheers
[REDACTED]

From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 3:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: mRNA statement for web upload - best webpage? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED] Instead of it appearing on the home page under News, could it appear on the home page under the heading Resources? ... that would put it further down on the home page

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 1:42 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: mRNA statement for web upload - best webpage? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil

It would be best for it to be a resource/statement as this has a permanent page on the website. We can then put a link under news on the home page to the information. If it is an announcement once the news link is gone then the page does not sit anywhere on the website unless we add it to the home page permanently which is not best practice for a website.

Cheers
[REDACTED]

From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 1:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: mRNA statement for web upload - best webpage? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]

We are planning to upload the attached statement on our website

Looking at the webpages, it could either go on:

News/announcement

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From: BHULA, Raj
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 4:38 PM
To: ELLIS, Neil
Cc: O'MULLANE, Matthew, [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: web upload of mRNA statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Addressing misinformation - final.docx

Thanks Neil. I am happy for the statement to be published on our website.

I agree, the Resources section is the most appropriate primary location, and we could place it on the front page for a short time under the OGTR Portal item. Then remove in a couple of months.

Thanks,
Raj.

From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 December 2023 4:29 PM
To: BHULA, Raj <Raj.Bhula@health.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED] O'MULLANE, Matthew <Matthew.OMULLANE@Health.gov.au>
Subject: web upload of mRNA statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Raj

As discussed, attached is the finalised version of the mRNA statement for up loading onto our website.

It looks like the best place for it to sit as its primary location is on the 'Resources/Statement' page:
https://www.ogtr.gov.au/resources?f%5B0%5D=h_publication_type%3A63

On the homepage, it could appear as a 'News' item for a short time, or, it could appear further down under 'Resources'

Could you indicate your agreement to up load to the Resources/Statement page and your preference on whether it should appear on the home page under News or Resources

[REDACTED] has been copied for actioning, subject to your agreement/preferences

Cheers
Neil

SWEENEY, Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 11:02 AM
To: LANGHAM, Robyn; HENDERSON, Nick
Cc: BHULA, Raj; ELLIS, Neil
Subject: Publication of document on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning

I am writing to let you know that the OGTR has published a document '[Addressing misinformation on the regulation of mRNA vaccines](#)'.

Raj and the team would like to thank you very much for your input in the documents development.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 11:04 AM
To: DL OGTR Office of Gene Tech Regulator DIV
Subject: Publication of document on mRNA vaccines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning

FYI, a document about mRNA vaccine regulation has been published on the OGTR website: [Addressing misinformation on the regulation of mRNA vaccines | Office of the Gene Technology Regulator \(ogtr.gov.au\)](#)

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SWEENEY, Paul

From: ELLIS, Neil
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 11:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: New Web doc [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Great, its looking good
Thanks again
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 9:59 AM
To: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: New Web doc [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Neil

I have added the logo and date to the documents.

Cheers

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From: ELLIS, Neil <Neil.Ellis@health.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 8:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: New Web doc [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]

I forgot to put the dept logo and date on the misinformation of mRNA document - could you please add them
Cheers
Neil

Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)