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Attention: Matthew Gerathy

RE: Father William Burston

DOB:

Dear Mr Gerathy,

In response to your enquiry of 18th July 2013. I am a medical practitioner registered in NSW since 1978. I have been in general practice for 30 years and have treated Father William Burston since November 1990, when he was age 55 and in good health. He had been managing Centacare - the Catholic Family Welfare Office since 1976. He remained in good health till age 65 when he developed a number of problems.

By 2005 Father Burston had developed prostate cancer and hernias. The management of these problems were not straight forward and he required several operations to treat these complications. The hernias required revision surgery. He subsequently developed cholecystitis and removal of his gall bladder was also complicated, requiring further explorative surgery. He has had at least ten documented anaesthetics.

My practice ages with me, and I treat a large number of retired and elderly patients. At present I look after over 200 nursing home patients. I frequently see memory loss - anything from mild cognitive impairment to established dementia - as a consequence of a single major anaesthetic or an accumulated number of repeated anaesthetics.

I have no baseline testing on Father Burston but have noticed some memory loss and decreased verbal fluency over the years. He admits to difficulty recalling names and completing crosswords.

I am prepared to refer him for formal psychometric testing, but there is a significant delay in arranging this.

My impression is that Father Burston has a mild impairment of memory, probably due to his numerous anaesthetics, but remains able to function at his day to day activities.

I am prepared to update my report should he undergo for more extensive testing in the future.

Yours sincerely

Signed

DR ADAM FROST