



**Fw: Morwell response**  
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Sarah,  
this is our response to your inquiry about the VOTV material.  
Let me know if you require anything further.

"The Department of Health received on Wednesday material from the Board of Inquiry provided to it by Voices of the Valley.

This material is currently being analysed.

Further to this material, we have also received official data from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on deaths in Morwell, Churchill, Moe and Traralgon from January to June in the years 2009 to 2014 inclusive.

The data shows no increase in deaths in Morwell during the period of the Hazelwood open cut coal mine fire compared with the same period in previous years.

The official data from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages shows no significant pattern. The reasons for individual deaths can have many explanations, including age, an individuals disease profile and external factors such as heatwave."

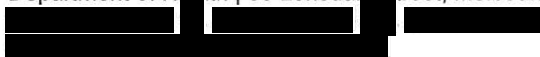
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