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October 31, 2002

Dennis Young c/o Garry Breitkreuz, M.P. House of Commons Room 452D Centre Block OTTAWA ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in final response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*: **Info re**: **Abortions**.

(X)

After a thorough search for the requested information, no records were located which respond to your request.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the processing of your request, do not hesitate to contact me (see attached).

Sincerely,

Margery Snider

Senior Assistant Coordinator

## WORDING OF BREITKREUZ'S ATI REQUEST - OCTOBER 9, 2002

On October 3, 2002, Health Minister, Anne McLellan, was quoted in <u>The Saint John Telegraph</u> <u>Journal</u>: "Our view is that obviously abortion is a medically necessary service, therefore it has to be insured whether it's performed in a hospital or a private clinic."

Please provide documents, reports and correspondence in the department that provide evidence that abortions are "medically necessary".

On March 8, 2001, Health Canada responded to Garry Breitkreuz's Access to Information Act request (File: A-2000-1162) that asked for "Documents, reports and correspondence in the department that provide evidence that abortions are "medically necessary".

The Department's reply stated: "I regret to inform you that after a thorough search of all likely record holdings, departmental officials have confirmed that they have no records relevant to your request."