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**Subject:** FW: Briefing  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 April 2024 5:55:46 PM  
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Kind Regards

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FYI

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**Subject:** RE: Briefing

Hi Anthony,

I just wanted to follow up where this brief is currently sitting.

1. Cathie has sent the brief for the extension of the locum position around for signatures.
2. The finance team are working on the modelling of the additional medical staff. Darren has asked for the modelling across a number of scenarios.
3. Cathie and I are going to separate the scientific positions into a separate brief as the

finance and modelling is less complex.

Based on what we have looked at we will need to ask the LHD for an additional one million dollars in funding for the 24/25 financial year to cover the new positions. Vanessa has monthly CE meetings and we had briefed her on this as a discussion point.

Louise

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**From:** Anthony Gill (NSW Health Pathology) [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Briefing

Dear Louise and Cathy,

I have alluded to this to both of you, but we desperately need more pathologists, registrars and scientists in anatomical pathology.

Please find attached a briefing document requesting approval to create the following positions:

- i) 2.5 FTE Staff Specialist Anatomical Pathologist
- ii) 2.0 FTE Registrar positions
- iii) 2.0 Scientific officer positions

To add some urgency we currently have a 1.0FTE locum, [REDACTED], whose appointment expires on 30 April. Should her appointment lapse without provision for more staff, then I fear that the situation will become critical. As a stopgap measure, I would recommend that steps be taken to extend her locum for 6 months until further long term measures (ie: permanent positions) can be implemented. She is currently first on the eligibility list for a similar position so this could be achieved without further interview.

I am happy to meet face to face to discuss any specific issues, but I would like the briefing and business case to be escalated as soon as practical.

I have cc'd in Kimiko Blendell and Tom Kennedy to keep them in the loop (I have previously discussed this with them).

Please acknowledge receipt,

Regards

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