



## OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

FOI Reference: PM/23/027

To Thomas Gray

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Dear Mr Gray

Thank you for your email dated 28 February 2023 regarding a request to access documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

### **Terms of FOI request**

You set out your FOI request in the following terms:

*I wish to request the government's knowledge of any communications between the Prime Minister and 'This Is Serious Mum' or any of its constituents, the exact nature of said communications.*

*I would also like to know if the Prime Minister has every been involved in the inner workings (including the touring, musical ensemble or recording) of 'This is Serious Mum' or if he plans to make any arrangements in the future.*

*Whilst aware of the very busy schedule the Prime Minister holds, I would ask if that the Prime Minister make a statement requesting 'This Is Serious Mum' continue their reunion tour, if he felt inclined to do so of course.*

### **Authorised decision-maker**

I am authorised to make a decision in this matter on the Prime Minister's behalf.

### **Material taken into account**

In reaching my decision I had regard to:

- the terms of your request
- the Act
- the Guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner, under section 93A of the Act

## Decision

I have decided to refuse access under section 24A(1) of the Act on grounds that reasonable steps have been taken and documents do not exist.

## Reasons for decision

Section 24A(1) of the Act provides, a Minister may refuse a request for access if:

- (a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document; and*
- (b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:*
  - (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found; or*
  - (ii) does not exist.*

I have had regard to the Guidelines which discuss the meaning of 'reasonable' in s 24A(1)(a) being of such an effort that would be appropriate or suitable to the circumstances<sup>1</sup>.

I have made inquiries with relevant staff regarding the subject of your request and arranged for reasonable searches to be conducted for responsive documents. No relevant documents within the terms of your request were identified.

I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken and that documents do not exist.

## Review rights

If you disagree with the decision you may apply for Information Commissioner review within 60 days from the date of this letter. The FOI Act does not provide for internal review of a decision by a Minister.

More information about review rights and how to apply is available at:  
[www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review)

Yours sincerely



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30 March 2023

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 3.88 of the Guidelines