



OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Dear Mr Megalgar

RE: Application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

I refer to your email of 9 March 2015 in which you make a request under the Commonwealth *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to:

“... all information, costs, contacts, emails, regarding metadata policy, including any refused applications, hidden information, emails from corporates vested interests to the Attorney General and his office, including staff.

I demand to also obtain all meta documentation from each employee of the Liberal Party, including staff/mps/other/elected officials/diplomats/caucus MPs and liberal party leadership including party officials,

I demand to obtain meta documentation including communication with stake holders, and corporates and any related company that would benefit from having meta data, this includes the tech industry (spying, data centers, ISPs, etc), as well as other countries that would benefit from this.

And, I demand all information regarding any contact from AFP/ASIO or other government departments, including those such as security groups like the NSA

I demand to obtain also, any information that has yet to be released to the public via the media regarding the metadata policy, this includes any reason why this policy exists in the first place, who it benefits, and why should it be implemented.

And, I demand to obtain all emails, sms, texts, secured information apps (like the one Malcolm Turnbull uses), contact lists, dates, bank details, investment details, various organizations from media (such as Departments, IPA, 2GB, etc) to vested interests (i.e. those that have lobbied for you).

I demand to obtain all information in Parliament itself regarding your political strategy, any hidden documentation, contacts within Parliament itself, and any information such as emails, sms, txt, secured information apps (including text information, pictures, attachments, etc).

And, any and all information being sent from Parliament to political parties, staff

(including all political groups, parliament staff, political groups staff, outsourced staff, third party departments, external departments, unknown departments (i.e. not known to the public such as for security or military departments).

I demand finally, to obtain any information that is being used to not only to promote this metadata policy, but also where it come from, this includes manufactures, to government spinners, such as IPA and the like.

I also demand to metadata from the Liberal Party HQ any and all members, MPs, caucus members, to party/government wisps, party branches, former and current members, treasurers (former and current) and any other member or founding member of the liberal party.

We know the government is using this metadata not for crime, or for terrorism, we know that this government is using metadata for crack down on piracy and new ways for Corporate bullies to limit real competition and real broadband.

If the government cannot understand this request, or out-rightly refuse my request, then the goverment cannot be believed in the safety of people's information that it will not be abused in anyway shape or form, as it has done so by both goverment departments like ASIO/AFP/NSA/GCHQ and any country variant (be it Germany to New Zealand) has been systematically been abused by goverment, and then by hackers.

Thus my claim for all meta information regarding the Government & Liberal Party and it's policy decisions is both in the public interest, but also to keep promises that were openly made in public.

This request is non-negotiable, non-refuse-able or delays will result in immediate action regarding the above!

All the requests are to be made immediately, and as soon as possible,"

I am the authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act and this letter sets out my decision on your request for access.

Material taken into account

In making my decision, I have had regard to the following:

- the terms of your request;
- the content of the documents to which you sought access;
- advice from Agency officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access;
- the relevant provisions of the FOI Act; and
- the Commonwealth's guidelines on FOI.

Section 6a of the FOI Act

- (1) This Act does not apply to any request for access to a document of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General unless the document relates to matters of an administrative nature.

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, a document in the possession of a person employed under section 13 of the *Governor-General Act 1974* that is in his or her possession by reason of his or her employment under that section shall be taken to be in the possession of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

Decision

In relation to your request for documents, I advise that no such documents are held by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, so accordingly I refuse your request under Section 24A of this Act. I suggest that this request may have been intended for the Attorney-General's Department.

Review rights

You are entitled to seek review of this decision. Your rights are set out at Attachment A to this letter.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Murtagh

Deputy Official Secretary to the Governor-General

17 March 2015

ATTACHMENT A—INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW

1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION

Section 54 of the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision refusing to grant access to documents in accordance with your request.

Application for a review of the decision must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker if you could set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed. Application for review of the decision should be addressed to:

The Official Secretary to the Governor-General
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

OR

2. APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (INFORMATION COMMISSIONER) FOR REVIEW OF DECISION

Section 54L of the Act gives you the right to seek a review of the decision from the Information Commissioner. An application for review must be made within 60 days of receiving the decision.

Applications for review must be in writing and:

- give details of how notices must be sent to you; and
- include a copy of the notice of decision.

You should send your application for review to:

The Information Commissioner
GPO Box 2999
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Or by email to: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

OR

3. COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Section 70 of the Act provides that a person may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the Act.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency the complaint is about. It should be directed to the following address:

The Information Commissioner
GPO Box 2999
CANBERRA ACT 2601

The Information Commissioner may decline to investigate the complaint in a number of circumstances, including that you did not exercise your right to ask the agency, the Information Commissioner, a court or tribunal to review the decision.