



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

FOI Reference: PM/23/029

To Alex Pentland
Email: foi+request-10065-9945fe8f@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Pentland

Thank you for your email dated 15 March 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 note comments made by former Prime Minister Paul Keating today regarding his attempts to reach out and discuss the AUKUS arrangement with the Prime Minister on the 21st of February.

With that note, I request access to the following:

- (1) Any correspondence directed to the Prime Minister from Former Prime Minister Paul Keating from 1 January 2023 until now.*
- (2) Any briefings or documents given to the Prime Minister relating to Keating's alleged correspondence*
- (3) Talking Points provided to the Prime Minister referencing Paul Keating's comments regarding AUKUS dated from 1 January 2023 onwards*

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

Documents in scope

The Office has identified documents that fall within the terms of your request.

I have enclosed these documents with my decision.

Decision

I have decided to grant access to the identified documents except for personal information, including staff names. This information has been redacted on the grounds that the relevant personal information may reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the subject of your request under section 22 of the Act.

Review rights

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gory'.

Simona Gory
Senior Legal Adviser
13 June 2023