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Peter Negruck (Right to Know)

By email: [foi+request-10197-b48a8d2f@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-10197-b48a8d2f@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Negruck

***Re. Freedom of Information Request***

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

On 26 April 2023 you requested access to:

*"... All correspondence between DFAT and the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Woollara, Sydney regarding Mr Simeon Boikov."*

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests and have been appointed to be the decision maker on your request.

Thorough searches conducted by the Eastern Europe Branch and the Protocol Branch found no documents relevant to the scope of your request.

After taking all reasonable steps to find documents, I am satisfied that they cannot be found or do not exist. I therefore refuse your request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

Your review rights are attached for your reference.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the FOI Section by email to: [foi@dfat.gov.au](mailto:foi@dfat.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Brooke King  
A/g Director  
Freedom of Information Section

## Your review rights

### *Internal review*

You may apply for internal review of the decision (section 54 of the FOI Act). The internal review application must be made within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Where possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary.

The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Any request for internal review should be directed via email to [foi@dfat.gov.au](mailto:foi@dfat.gov.au) or addressed to:

Freedom of Information Section  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
R G Casey Building  
John McEwen Crescent  
Barton ACT 2600  
Australia

### *Australian Information Commissioner*

You may apply within 60 days of receipt of this letter to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision (section 54L of the FOI Act).

You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision (section 70 of the FOI Act). Making such a complaint about the way the Department has handled your FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of my decision.

Further information on applying for an Australian Information Commissioner review is available at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process>

Further information about how to make a complaint is available at: <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>