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RMS Ref: F23/18755

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David Stafford

Via email: foi+request-10317-6217bcec@righttoknow.org.au

Dear David,

REQUEST FOR ACCESS UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982*

I refer to your email dated 16 May 2023 seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act). Your request was for:

Could you please provide documentation of the number of CIRRIIS reports by the occurrence type from Dec 2019 to present day for the Hobart Airspace.

On 17 May 2023, I wrote to you seeking clarification on the scope of your request namely if you were seeking the actual CIRRIIS reports or documents containing data of the number of CIRRIIS reports.

On 18 May 2023, you responded '*could you please provide the limited suite of CIRRIIS reports from Airservices Australia (AA) regarding Hobart Airspace. Additionally, as per Recommendation 2 of the CASA - Airspace Review of Hobart - December 2019, I request CASA provide the aeronautical risk review or if this was not done documentation outlining why it was not conducted.*'

On 18 May 2023, I acknowledged the revised scope of your request to be as follows:

*Please provide the limited suite of CIRRIIS reports from Airservices Australia (AA) regarding Hobart Airspace.
Additionally, as per Recommendation 2 of the CASA - Airspace Review of Hobart - December 2019, I request CASA provide the aeronautical risk review or if this was not done documentation outlining why it was not conducted.*

On 23 May 2023, I emailed you querying the second part of your request which refers to Recommendation 2 of the CASA - Airspace Review of Hobart - December 2019.

I informed I had been advised that the review referenced only has 1 recommendation, and could you please confirm that the aeronautical risk review you are seeking is in relation to this review and/or recommendation 1.

On 23 May 2023, you responded '*Appears the recommendation 2 was answered in the 2019 report p14, therefore please remove second part of my request.*'

On 23 May 2023, I acknowledged the revised scope of your request to be as follows:

Please provide the limited suite of CIRRIIS reports from Airservices Australia (AA) regarding Hobart Airspace. Date range: 1 Dec 2019 to 16 May 2023.

I have made a decision to impose charges in the amount of \$29.45 in relation to your application.

Authority to make this decision

I am an officer authorised by the Director of Aviation Safety to make decisions about charges applying to requests for access to documents in the possession of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in accordance with section 23(1) of the Act.

Your liability to pay a charge

In accordance with section 29(1) of the Act, I have decided that you are liable to pay a charge in relation to your request.

Preliminary assessment of the amount of the charge

In accordance with section 29(1)(b) of the Act, CASA has undertaken a preliminary assessment of the amount of the charge you are liable to pay in relation to your FOI request. Accordingly, you are liable to pay \$29.45. A breakdown of this charge, as well as the basis on which the assessment is made, is provided for in detail at Schedule 1.

What you must do now

In accordance with section 29(1)(f) of the Act, you must, within the period of 30 days from the date of this notice, notify CASA, in writing of one of the following three things:

1. agree to pay the charge;

If you agree to pay the charges, I will then write to you formally imposing the charge and advise you how to pay it.

2. contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed, or both—that you so contend, giving reasons for so contending; or

If you make such a contention, I must then decide whether to reduce the charge or not to impose a charge. I must consider any relevant reasons, including whether any contention that payment of the charge, or part of it, would cause you financial hardship, and whether the giving of access to the documents is in the general public interest or in the interest of a substantial section of the public. It is necessary that you provide evidence of financial hardship, or specify how the public would benefit from disclosure if you rely on either of these grounds.

3. withdraw the request for access to the document concerned.

If you fail to give CASA notice of any of the above three things within 30 days of the date of this notice or such further period that CASA allows in writing, your request for access will be taken to have been withdrawn.

Extension of period of processing request

Under section 31 of the Act, the time limit for processing your request is extended by the period of time commencing on the day you receive this notice and ending on the day you pay the charge or the day CASA makes a decision not to impose a charge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Phengrasmy', written in a cursive style.

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