



Australian Government
**Department of Employment
and Workplace Relations**

Our Ref LEX 795

Mr Christopher Mulligan

By email: foi+request-10324-a4d44f47@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Mulligan

Your Freedom of Information request - decision

I refer to your request, received by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (department) on 18 September 2023, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) in the following terms:

I am applying for information about the Australian Apprentice Training Support Payments. These are the payments where apprentices receive \$1,250 every six months for the first two years of their apprenticeship (\$5,000 in total), a part-time apprentices can receive \$625 (\$2,500 in total).

I am requesting the following information for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023:

- *How many apprentices have received a payment in the time above*
- *How many apprentices have received more than 1 payment in the time above*
- *The total amount of funding that has gone directly to apprentices through the scheme in the time above.*

My decision

I am authorised to make decisions under section 23(1) of the FOI Act.

The department has 1 document (totalling 1 page) that falls within the scope of your request. I have decided to grant you **access in full** to the document.

A schedule of the documents for release is at **Attachment A**.

How we will send your documents

The document is attached in my email to you.

You can ask for a review of my decision

If you disagree with any part of the decision, you can ask for a review. There are two ways you can do this. You can ask for an internal review by the department or an external review by the Australian Information Commissioner.

You can find information about your rights of review under the FOI Act, as well as information about how to make a complaint at **Attachment B**.

Further assistance

If you have any questions, please email foi@dewr.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Gabby
Authorised decision maker
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

18 October 2023

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS - [NAME OF APPLICANT]

Number	Pages	Date	Description	Decision	Comments
1.	1	Undated	Table of relevant payments and funding for 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023	Grant access in full	Document created in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act.

YOUR RIGHTS OF REVIEW

Asking for an explanation of an FOI decision

Before you ask for a formal review of an FOI decision, you can contact us and we will explain the decision to you.

Asking for a formal review of an FOI decision

If you still believe the decision is incorrect, the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for a review of the decision. Under sections 54 and 54L of the FOI Act, you can apply for a review of an FOI decision by:

- an internal review officer in the department and/or
- the Australian Information Commissioner.

There are no fees for applying for a formal review.

Applying for an internal review by an internal review officer

If you apply for internal review, a different decision maker to the decision maker who made the original decision will review your request. The internal review decision maker will consider all aspects of the original decision afresh and decide whether the decision should change.

An application for internal review must be made in writing within 30 days of receiving this letter. You can lodge your application:

Post: Commercial and Information Law Branch
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Location Code: C50MA1
GPO BOX 9828
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: foi@dewr.gov.au

Applying for external review by the Australian Information Commissioner

If you do not agree with the original decision or the internal review decision, you can ask the Australian Information Commissioner to review the decision.

You will have 60 days to apply in writing for a review by the Australian Information Commissioner.

You can lodge your application in one of the following ways:

Online:

https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=ICR_10

Email: foidr@oaic.gov.au

Post: Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Complaints to the Australian Information Commissioner

Australian Information Commissioner

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the FOI Act.

A complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner must be made in writing and can be lodged in one of the following ways:

Online:

https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=ICCA_1

Email: foidr@oaic.gov.au

Post: Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001