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Mr Phillip Sweeney
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Dear Mr Sweeney

I acknowledge your email received by the Ombudsman's office on 31 March 2015, in which you requested access to certain documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. Your request was framed in the following way:

'...One of the outcomes of the Senate Economics Reference Committee investigation into ASIC last year was the referral of allegations made by John Wheeldon that a subsidiary company of the National Australia Bank MLC Ltd, had corruptly or otherwise inappropriately influenced ASIC to grant special relief so that MLC was not required to include "fees and charges" in its superannuation calculator that MLC uses to market its superannuation products.

Competitor "Industry Funds" do not impose these "fees and charges", since they are "not-for-profit" funds.

The document I seek is a copy of any final or interim report produced by the Commonwealth Ombudsman in relation to this matter.

If such a report has yet to be released by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, then I seeking a copy of any correspondence with any Senator or Department that would indicate the anticipated release date of this report. ...'

You should expect a decision from us within 30 days of the date we received your request. This 30 day period may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

If you have any questions, you may contact me using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely



Gregory Parkhurst
FOI Co-ordinator