



21 April 2015

Mr Ben Fairless

Via email: [request-1043-4623bee6@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:request-1043-4623bee6@righttoknow.org.au)

Our reference: LEX 13290

Dear Mr Fairless,

**Your Freedom of Information Request – Request Received**

1. I refer to your correspondence to the department, dated 19 April 2015, seeking access to the following:  
  
‘Can I please have a copy of:  
- all complaints/feedback/correspondence in relation to the decision to deny "conscientious objectors" of Vaccination access to Government money  
- Any response provided by the department in relation to those complaints/feedback/correspondence  
- Any internal discussion in relation to the complaints/feedback/correspondence’
2. Your request is taken to have been received as a FOI request on 19 April 2015 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 19 May 2015. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.
3. The department will advise you if a charge is payable to process your request and the amount of any such charge as soon as practicable. No charge is payable for providing a person with their own personal information.

**Your Address**

4. The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address to which we can send notices. The request was provided via the electronic address specified above. We will send all notices, correspondence and documents to this address. Please advise us as soon as possible if you require correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes. If you do not advise us of changes to your address, all notices, correspondence and documents will continue to be sent to the address specified above.

## **Disclosure Log**

5. Please note that information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the department's website. Section 11C of the FOI Act requires this publication, however it is subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

## **Exclusion of junior departmental officers details**

6. The department is working towards ensuring that all employees have a choice about whether they provide their full name and direct contact details in response to public enquiries. Where such details are included in the scope of a request, this may add to processing time and applicable charges as it may be necessary to consider whether the details are exempt under the FOI Act. On this basis, and unless you tell us otherwise, all staff names, direct contact details and personal log-on identifiers are out of the scope of your request and they will be redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act.
7. If you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me at [FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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FOI and Information Release Branch  
Legal Services Division  
Department of Human Services