

Our reference: FOI 23/24-0181



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28 August 2023

John Smith

By email: foi+request-10510-6e1f2e39@righttoknow.org.au

Dear John Smith

Freedom of Information request — Notification of Decision

I refer to correspondence conducted between 26 and 28 July 2023, in which you requested data held by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request.

Scope of your request

The above referenced communications are available on the [Right to Know](#). In response to your initial request for information, you were provided with reference to where data is made available. The NDIA makes significant amounts of data available to the public and provides contacts for further data or assistance with available information.

You have insisted that your request be processed under the FOI Act.

Decision on access to documents

I am authorised to make decisions under section 23(1) of the FOI Act. My decision on your request and the reasons for my decision are set out below.

Section 17(1)(c) of the FOI Act provides that an agency can produce a written document containing the requested information, by the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available for retrieving or collating stored information.

We have referred your request to officers in the NDIA who were able to produce a document containing some of the information you requested. They have produced a document that satisfies 17(1)(c) of the FOI Act.

I have decided to grant access to 1 document in full.

- In reaching my decision, I took into account the following materials:
- your correspondence outlining the scope of your request
- the existence of documents, if any, falling within the scope of your request the FOI Act
- the FOI Guidelines published under section 93A of the FOI Act

Release of documents

The documents for release, as referred to in the Schedule of Documents at **Attachment A**, are enclosed.

Rights of review

Your rights to seek a review of my decision, or lodge a complaint, are set out at **Attachment B**.

Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at fox@xxxx.xxx.xx

Yours sincerely

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

Senior Freedom of Information Officer
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Schedule of Documents for FOI 23/24-0181

Document number	Page number	Description	Access Decision	Comments
1	1-2	Section 17 Document Participants with Primary Disability Group of Autism Date: 31 March 2023	FULL ACCESS	Document created under section 17 of the FOI Act.

Your review rights

Internal Review

The FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of this decision. The review will be conducted by a different person to the person who made the original decision.

If you wish to seek an internal review of the decision, you must apply for the review, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required for an application for internal review, but to assist the review process, you should clearly outline your grounds for review (that is, the reasons why you disagree with the decision). Applications for internal review can be lodged by email to xxx@xxxx.xxv.au or sent by post to:

Freedom of Information Section
Parliamentary, Ministerial & FOI Branch
Government Division
National Disability Insurance Agency
GPO Box 700
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

The FOI Act also gives you the right to apply to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) to seek a review of this decision.

If you wish to have the decision reviewed by the OAIC, you may apply for the review, in writing, or by using the online merits review form available on the OAIC's website at www.oaic.gov.au, within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

Applications for review can be lodged with the OAIC in the following ways:

Online: www.oaic.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001
Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Complaints to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner or the Commonwealth Ombudsman

You may complain to either the Commonwealth Ombudsman or the OAIC about actions taken by the NDIA in relation to your request. The Ombudsman will consult with the OAIC before investigating a complaint about the handling of an FOI request.

Your complaint to the OAIC can be directed to the contact details identified above. Your complaint to the Ombudsman can be directed to:

Phone: 1300 362 072 (local call charge)
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

Your complaint should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the actions taken in relation to the request should be investigated