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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:49 AM
To: Anderson, Tina ^{s 47F} @servicesaustralia.gov.au>
Subject: RE: For action: Significant FOI request search minute – Me (Right to Know) (LEX 71589)
– Due 7 February 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks for the heads up ^{s 22}

From: Anderson, Tina <^{s 47F} @servicesaustralia.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 6 February 2023 8:34 PM
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Regards,
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Just an FYI, if we thought there were major sensitivities we might want to give MO/our FOI a heads up, but it doesn't sound like it?

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Does SA need anything from us or is this just an FYI?

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Yeah right, such a bizarre thing to FOI.

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Hi all

s 22 SA has received an FOI request that relates to this amendment on the Cheaper Child Care Bill – s 22

FOI?

Seems like a v specific thing to

1 **Part 2—Other amendments**

2 *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act*
3 *1999*

4 **23 Paragraph 67CC(2)(d)**

5 After “session of care”, insert “in relation to which the individual is the
6 claimant”.

7 **24 Application of amendments**

8 Paragraph 67CC(2)(d) of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance)*
9 *(Administration) Act 1999*, as amended by this Part, applies in relation
10 to a week for which a report described in that paragraph has not been
11 given to the Secretary, whether the week started before, on or after the
12 commencement of this item.

Item 23: Paragraph 67CC(2)(d)

71. Item 23 amends paragraph 67CC(2)(d) to the Family Assistance Administration Act.
72. Previously, paragraph 67CC(2)(d) permitted the Secretary to cease an individual’s determination of eligibility under subsection 67CC(1) if a session report had not been given to the Secretary for the child for at least 26 consecutive weeks. A determination of eligibility is necessary to qualify for CCS payments.
73. This amendment adds “in relation to which the individual is the claimant” after “session of care”, which has the effect that, when the Secretary is considering ceasing a determination of eligibility under subsection 67CC(2), the Secretary will only look at whether the child has received sessions of care for which that relevant individual is the claimant. It would not matter whether or not the child received care for which another individual was receiving CCS.
74. This clarifies the policy intent and aligns the legislation with the administration of this provision within the CCS system.

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Hi s 22

I refer to the courtesy consultation request from Services Australia (LEX 573). Please find below initial notification emails.

I've spoken to s 22 who is the s 22 and confirmed this is one for her team. She said she s 47F and has asked we copy in s 22 who will be acting for her.

Thanks
s 22

To: Michele.Arcaro@education.gov.au
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s 22 and I didn't think we had gone back to SA on this yet (at least, we haven't seen anything).

I'll give it a read and ask s 22 to review as well over the coming days. We'll come back to you with our advice on how to handle (please let us know if you want to discuss first though).

Cheers,

s 22
Child Care Reform | Child Care Markets and Reform
Phone: s 22 | Mobile: s 22

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Sent: Thursday, 9 February 2023 4:11 PM
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I think we've already done this directly with SA?

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10/02 1:41 pm

Hi s 22 I'm in Michele Arcaro's branch and contacting you in relation to an FOI courtesy consult email you sent. Do you perhaps have time this afternoon for a quick chat with me and my EL2 s 22 ?



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From: s 22 @Education.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 4:04 PM
To: s 22 @education.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s 22 sent a message [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s 22 😊

From: s 22 @education.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 10 February 2023 3:56 PM
To: s 22 @Education.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s 22 sent a message [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s 22 , I've spoken to s 22 and it's under control.

From: s 22 @Education.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 10 February 2023 3:22 PM
To: s 22 @education.gov.au>
Subject: FW: s 22 sent a message [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

Would you be able to contact s 22 about this FOI matter please (it's that Services Australia consult matter from yesterday)? Happy to be involved if that seems necessary.

Thanks
s 22

From: s 22 in Teams <noreply@email.teams.microsoft.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 February 2023 2:48 PM
To: s 22 @Education.gov.au>
Subject: s 22 sent a message

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s 22

sent a message in chat

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Thanks s 22 . Agree that it is reasonable to provide access to the docs.

Michele

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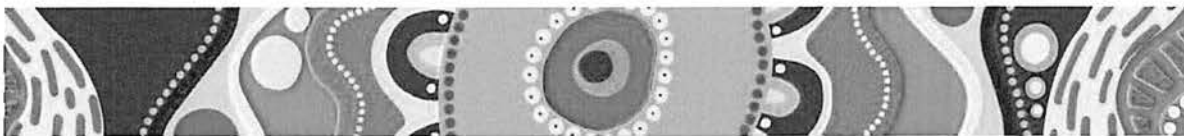
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Thank you for your comments. We will respond to Services Australia on the basis that the department has no objections to the release of the material, other than to the names and contact details of departmental staff (which we will request Services Australia redact under section 47F).

Thanks
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Early Childhood and Child Care

- On 9 February, the department received a consultation request from Services Australia regarding documents relating to the Cheaper Child Care Bill.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards

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Date request received	9 February 2023
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Status	15/02/23 advised Services Australia that the department objects to the release of names and contact numbers of departmental staff members contained in parts of the document bundle.
Reminders	N/A (Finalised)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:01 PM
To: ARCARO, Michele <Michele.Arcaro@education.gov.au>; s 22 @education.gov.au>
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Hi Michele/s 22

Michele you might recall a few weeks ago I flagged w you and the team that SA had an FOI relating to one of the legislative amendments you put through in the Cheaper Child Care Bill.

Tina let me know yday that the FOI team has determined one email exchange with your team falls within the scope of the request and will be released (redacted of course).

Email in question is **attached**, will leave w you if you think anything needs flagging w Steve/Tristan/s 22 .

Have also copied in s 22 , if helpful as she seemed to be across the ins and outs last time from memory.

Cheers
Tracey

From: Anderson, Tina s 47F @servicesaustralia.gov.au>
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