



20 October 2023

Our reference: LEX 76245

Frank n Fearless (Right to Know)

Only by email: foi+request-10728-d39d05fc@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Frank N Fearless

Acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) made in the following terms:

According to DSS' Answer to Senate Question on Notice IQ23-000076

"Services Australia has commenced undertaking a desktop sampling exercise of approximately 1,000 potential overpayments that may potentially be impacted by the use of income apportionment of employment income prior to 7 December 2020.

It is not possible to state with certainty when this work will be completed. This will be clearer as the work progresses. Services Australia are providing regular reports on progress to the Department of Social Services"

I would like a copy of these "regular reports on progress".

Your request was received by Services Australia (the Agency) on 3 October 2023 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 2 November 2023. 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.

Charges

The Agency 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

The FOI Act requires you provide us with an address which we can send notices to. You have advised your electronic address is foi+request-10728-d39d05fc@righttoknow.org.au. We will send all notices and correspondence to this address. Please advise us as soon as possible if you wish correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes. If you do not advise us of changes to your address, correspondence and notices will continue to be sent to the address specified above.

Administrative Release of Documents

The Agency has administrative access arrangements ('the arrangements') for the release of certain documents without the need for a formal FOI request. Unless you advise us otherwise, in processing your request we may provide you with documents under these arrangements where appropriate and any parts of your FOI request that are addressed by documents released under the arrangements will be considered to be withdrawn. The arrangements do not extend to information or materials of third parties. You will be notified when documents are released to you under the arrangements.

Disclosure Log

Please note information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the agency'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 staff details

The Agency is working towards ensuring all staff have a choice about whether they provide their full name, personal logon identifiers 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, unless you tell us otherwise, we will assume these details are out of scope of your request and they will be redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act.

Further assistance

If you have any questions please email FOI.Legal.Team@servicesaustralia.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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