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**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 23/10/00842

File Number: FA 23/10/00842

Dear V Dog

**Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Access Decision**

On 9 October 2023, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to document under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

**1 Scope of request**

You have requested access to the following:

*Dear Department of Finance,*

*This is a request for documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982.*

*This request relates to the now-cancelled, Government-wide 'Cyber Hubs' project. I seek access to the following:*

- a) Documents relating to any kind of review that the Department of Finance led, conducted or requested into the 'Cyber Hubs' project.*
- b) Documents discussing, recommending or approving the cancellation or de-funding of the 'Cyber Hubs' project.*

*I am seeking documents created only in the period from 1st January 2022 to 1st October 2023.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*V Dog*

*The Department of Finance has transferred your request, in part, to Home Affairs in accordance with the FOI Act as the subject matter of your request is more closely related to the functions of Home Affairs.*

*Home Affairs will now process the following part of your request:*

- *a) Documents relating to any kind of review that the Department of Finance led, conducted or requested into the 'Cyber Hubs' project.*

*The Department of Finance will continue to process the following part of your request:*

- *b) Documents discussing, recommending or approving the cancellation or de-funding of the 'Cyber Hubs' project.*

## **2 Authority to make decision**

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access document or to amend or annotate records.

## **3 Relevant material**

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the document relevant to the request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the document to which you sought access
- advice from other Commonwealth Departments

## **4 Document in scope of request**

The Department has identified one document as falling within the scope of your request. This document was in the possession of the Department on 9 October 2023 when your request was received. Courtesy Consultation undertaken with Digital Transformation Agency and the Department of Finance also form part of this decision.

## **5 Decision**

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full

## **6 Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

## 7 Your Review Rights

### Internal review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe a review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

By email to: [foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au)  
OR  
By mail to:  
Freedom of Information Section  
Department of Home Affairs  
PO Box 25  
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

### Information Commissioner review

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for an Information Commissioner review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review>.

## 8 Making a complaint

You may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)  
Email [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

## 9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi@homeaffairs.gov.au).

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