



**OFFICE OF THE HON ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: MO23/11/00001
File Number: ADF2023/333981

Dear Ben Fairless

Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Access request

I refer to your correspondence received on 30 November 2023, seeking access to documents held by the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

Scope of request

You have requested access to the following:

I make the following requests under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) (the Act):

I refer to allegations in parliament about letters from Senator Smith to the minister advocating for an individual on Christmas Island who is a child sex offender.

The letter I'm referring to was sent by Senator Dean Smith, to the Minister for Immigration personally, advocating for the release of an individual from immigration detention.

The minister has referred to this letter multiple times over the last few weeks in parliament.

Your request has been allocated FOI request reference MO23/11/00001. Please include your FOI request reference in all correspondence with the Office of the Minister and the Department of Home Affairs Freedom of Information Section.

Timeframe for receiving your decision

The statutory timeframe for processing a request is 30 days from the date upon which your application was received by the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs.

Your review rights in relation to your request are available on the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner [here](#).

Duplicate documents

If the FOI decision-maker deems a document to be a duplicate, they will not assess those pages as part of your FOI request. This means that if there is a decision to release the document to you, you will receive only one copy, even if multiple copies of that document exists.

Publication of document

Where documents are released to you in response to your request, the Minister may be required to publish these documents within 10 working days in accordance with section 11C

of the FOI Act. Publication will not be required where the documents contain personal or business affairs information.

Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss your request you may contact the Department of Home Affairs, Freedom of Information Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Kind regards

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