



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Reference: FOI 4865

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By email: foi+request-10951-c8617b95@righttoknow.org.au

Dear applicant,

Your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request of 7 December 2023 to the Department of Health and Aged Care (the department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

Copies of Ministerial briefs in relation to or referring to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Singapore Government to collaborate around HTA

Freedom of Information Decision

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

I have identified 1 document that is relevant to your request. This document was in the possession of the department when your request was received. I have decided to give access to this document in part, subject to the deletion of irrelevant material.

Section 22 - deletion of irrelevant material

Section 22 of the FOI Act applies to documents containing irrelevant information (subparagraph 22(1)(a)(ii)) and allows an agency to delete such material from a document.

I have deleted material in the documents which can reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to your request and prepared an edited copy for release. This information has been marked 's22' in the documents released to you.

The documents contain the names and telephone numbers of departmental employees. When your request was acknowledged, we notified you that this material would be considered irrelevant to the scope of your request unless you told us that you were seeking access to that material. On the basis that you did not notify us otherwise, this information has been deleted under section 22 of the FOI Act as outlined above.

Legislative provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in my decision, is available on the Federal Register of Legislation website: www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562.

Your review rights

I have set out your review rights at **ATTACHMENT A**.

Publication

Where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The department will not publish personal or business affairs information where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at: www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log.

Contacts

If you require clarification of any matters discussed in this letter you can contact the FOI Section on (02) 6289 1666 or at FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Nikolai Tsyganov
Assistant Secretary
Pricing and PBS Policy Branch

19 February 2024

ATTACHMENT A.

YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

Internal review

You can request internal review within 30 days of you receiving this decision. An internal review will be conducted by a different officer from the original decision maker.

No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be changed.

Applications for internal review can be made by:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au

Mail: FOI Unit (MDP 516)
Department of Health and Aged Care
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you choose to seek an internal review, you will also have a right to apply for Information Commissioner review (IC review) of the internal review decision once it has been provided to you.

Information Commissioner review or complaint

You also have the right to seek Information Commissioner (IC) review of this decision. For FOI applicants, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 60 days of the decision. For third parties who object to disclosure of their information, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 30 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your FOI request, you can lodge a complaint with the OAIC. However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

While there is no particular form required to make a complaint to the OAIC, the complaint should be in writing and set out the reasons for why you are dissatisfied with the way your request was processed. It should also identify the Department of Health and Aged Care as the agency about which you are complaining.

You can make an IC review application or make an FOI complaint in one of the following ways:

- online at www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/
- via email to foidr@oaic.gov.au
- by mail to GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or

- by fax to 02 9284 9666.

More information about the Information Commissioner reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with action taken by the department, you may also make a complaint directly to the department.

Complaints to the department are covered by the department's privacy policy. A form for lodging a complaint directly to the department is available on the department's website here: www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints