

13 February 2024

Bill Knight

By email: foi+request-11036-6759b360@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Knight

ABC FOI 202324-062

The ABC refers to previous communications.

All sections referred to in this letter are from the *Freedom of Information Act* (Cth) 1982 (**FOI Act**), unless otherwise specified.

The ABC received 4 individual FOI requests from you, approximately 30 minutes apart, on 18 January 2024 on the same or similar topic.

On 25 January 2024, we emailed you to advise we intended to combine these emails (which were attached to that email, sent to you at 4.33pm) to be a single FOI request¹

We have not received a response from you. To clarify, the ABC considers the scope of your FOI request to be:

[1] All incoming and outgoing call records to the phone of Managing Director David Anderson between 19 December and 22 December [2023]. Please provide the date and time of the calls as well as the sender/recipient numbers[.] These records should be easily available from the telephone billing section.

[2] All incoming and outgoing call records to and from the phone of Chris Oliver Taylor from 19 December to 22 December 2023. Please list the date and time of the calls and the sender/recipient numbers. This information should be readily available from telephone billing services.

[3] All email, text, Whatsapp or Signal correspondence between managing director David Anderson and Chris Oliver Taylor from 18 December 2023 and 22 December 2023.

[4] ...screenshots of the list of managing director David Anderson's incoming and outgoing Whatsapp call logs between 18 December and 22 December 2023.

We are in the process of locating documents that may answer this request.

We kindly ask that if you have any questions or concerns that you respond by 10am on Friday 16 February 2024.

¹ s 24(2) of the FOI Act refers

In addition, we would be grateful if you would consider granting the ABC an extension of time to process this request under s 15AA. The decision currently falls due on Monday **19 February**, subject to any suspension of the processing period or extension of time under the FOI Act.

The FOI team will need to confer with the Managing Director who is travelling at present, and the Chief Content Officer. Bearing this in mind, we would be grateful if you would consider allowing as much further time as is permitted by agreement under s 15AA which is 30 calendar days and would mean the decision would fall due on Wednesday **20 March** 2024.

We would be grateful if you would respond either way.

Once we have received more documents, we will be able to confirm whether charges may apply, and or whether the scope may be an unreasonable diversion of resources unless it is narrowed. In particular, we note that aspects of your request require documents to be created that are currently not in existence, such as screenshots.

By making an FOI request, you are providing personal information to the ABC. The ABC manages personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy - available at <http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/>. Personal information may be disclosed in the course of processing this request, such as for the purposes of consultation or internal reporting.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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