



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

By email: foi+request-1105-962329c2@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Rahman

I refer to your request received by the Department of Social Services (**the Department**) on 12 June 2015 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**FOI Act**) to:

"...the full report of the quantitative study conducted by Orima Research regarding the government childcare package. The study is referenced in this article: <http://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2015/jun/05/coalitions-childcare-claims-based-on-limited-online-survey>"

Third Party Consultation

Business information

Your request covers documents which contain information about the business affairs of an organisation.

Under section 27 of the FOI Act where a request is made for a document containing information about the business affairs of an organisation and it appears to the Department that the organisation might reasonably wish to contend that the information is:

- exempt under section 47; or
- conditionally exempt under section 47G and giving access to the document would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

the Department must give the organisation a reasonable opportunity to make such a submission in support of the contention.

Section 27 also requires the Department to have regard to any submission so made before making a decision to give access to the document.

Timing for consultation with third parties

Given that consultation with third parties is required, subsection 15(6) of the FOI Act extends the standard statutory 30-day time limit for processing requests by an additional 30 days. Accordingly, this will give the Department 60 days within which to notify you of its decision on access to the documents.

Publication of information in the FOI disclosure log

Information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the Department's website. Section 11C of the FOI Act requires this publication, subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

Please contact me on (02) 6146 2607 if you would like to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Brown'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Alexandra' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Brown'.

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