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Subject: Request for extension to provide s 55T documents - MR23/01375 and MR23/01376 (FOI23/463 and FOI23/500) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 7:31:27 AM
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Attachments: FOI23/463 and FOI23/500 - Request response to correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL]; APPLICANT TO FOIP - confirming he does not wish to withdraw duplicate request: FOI23/463 and FOI23/500 [SEC=OFFICIAL]; Acknowledge receipt of your correspondence: FOI23/463 and FOI23/500 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Subject: Copy of latest correspondence to applicant in support of extension request - MR23/01375 and MR23/01376 (FOI23/463 and FOI23/500) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Seeking assistance in understanding scope of request: FOI23/463 and FOI23/500

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Good afternoon OAIC Contact Officer

Further to my correspondence of 24 January 2024, please find attached further correspondence to the applicant outlining information relating to the delay in processing and that we have sought an extension from the OAIC.

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From: OAIC - FOI DR
Sent: Tuesday, 27 February 2024 11:00 AM
To: FOI Requests
Cc: s47F, Jessica; s47F, Lakshmi
Subject: RE: AGD to OAIC - providing update for MR23/01375 and MR23/01376 (FOI23/463 and FOI23/500) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Jo,

Thankyou for your email dated 23 February 2024 and your time on 22 February 2024.

I note the provided attached emails and grant an extension to 6 March 2024 for the Department's response noting the ongoing consultation with the applicant.

Kind regards,

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Dear Hannah and Lakshmi

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We confirmed we are processing the requests MR23/01375 and MR23/01376 (FOI23/463 and FOI23/500) and we had been engaging with the applicant as a practical refusal reason had been identified.

I have reviewed our file here and am attaching our correspondence from January which may have been missed as I was not able to find a response from the OAIC to this correspondence.

We will provide further updates on the progress of processing the identified documents for this request in the next week.

Attachments:

08 January 2024 - confirming applicant engagement

24 January 2024 - request for an extension of time to 6 March 2024

24 January 2024 - providing evidence of liaison with applicant

25 January 2024 - providing further liaison with applicant regarding EOT request and confirmation of scope

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