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Dear Mr Nottingham

Your request for documents

I refer to your email received by the Department of Transport and Planning (Department) on 24 March 2024, in which you requested:

“Please provide the following documents related to the Digital Drivers License currently being rolled out in Victoria:

- *Overviews of the system's operation*
- *Descriptions of the major components*
- *Specifications for how the components will communicate*
- *Information related to the international standards it conforms to, including optional extensions to them and restrictions of their use*
- *Privacy assessments of the system and its components*
- *Correspondence related to selective disclosure of identity”*

You are making a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)* (**FOI Act**). Payment of the application fee for your request was waived on 5 April 2024. However, your request is not valid under section 17 of the FOI Act because it is not clear and specific enough for us to identify the documents you have requested.

This means we cannot start processing your request until you give us more information about your request.

Your request requires clarification

For your request to be valid under section 17 of the FOI Act, it must provide enough information about the documents you asked for so we can properly identify them.

We have made preliminary enquiries to determine what documents the Department may hold relevant to your request. However, those enquiries have been hampered by the broad terms in which the request is expressed. For example, “Specifications for how the components will communicate” could refer to various requirements associated with implementation of the system. Similarly, a request for “correspondence related to selective disclosure of identity” can be interpreted in a number of ways. It can be taken to refer to general measures that relate to permitted

disclosures of personal information, or to more specific correspondence concerning individual matters. In addition, that part of the request does not state whether the requested correspondence is internal or external or give a date range for the correspondence. As a result, the extent of the searches required to meet the request is not clear.

There is a possible resolution to these issues in the part of your request which seeks “privacy assessments of the system...”. I am advised that two Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) were undertaken in relation to the proposal, to analyse its impact on personal privacy. Those PIAs provide an overview of the proposal, detail on the information flows involved, and privacy analysis of the proposal’s elements and the risks involved. It may be that the PIAs contain the information you seek and could be the focus of a revised request.

Please note that rescoping the request to seek those PIAs is not a guarantee that they will be released to you. They would still need to be assessed for release under the FOI Act, including the application of any appropriate exemptions from release.

What you need to do

Please clarify your request within 21 days of receiving this correspondence by contacting us at foi@transport.vic.gov.au.

You may wish to offer an alternative phrasing of your request, however, please note that any alternative that does not sufficiently specify the documents sought may result in the request not proceeding.

Until your request is amended as required by section 17 of the Act it cannot be processed and the 30-day period within which a decision must be made on your request has not commenced.

If this consultation fails to achieve a valid request by 21 May 2024, we may close your request without processing it. If we close your request without processing it, you will need to make a new request if you wish to access the documents.

Contact

Please feel free to contact us at foi@transport.vic.gov.au if you have any queries about this matter.

Yours sincerely



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