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Dear Applicant

FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2015-036

I refer to your email of 14 August 2015 in which you sought access to the following under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act):

"...all documents and correspondence relating to the ABC's decision to move the program Q&A from the entertainment division to the news division."

I am writing to clarify the scope of your request so that I may effectively and efficiently identify and locate all relevant documents.

As presently drafted, your request is imprecise and relatively broad in its terms. Without some reasonable limitations to the scope of the request, I will potentially be required to search through all of the ABC's hard and soft copy records, as well as the email records for all employees, created over an indeterminate period of time. This would involve a substantial amount of time and resources. Once identified, there will be a further body of work required to make an assessment as to relevance and access.

To assist with the process of clarifying your request, I will assume that by "entertainment division" you are referring to the ABC's Television division. I will also assume that the reference to "the ABC's decision to move the program Q&A" is a reference to the decision referred to in the ABC Board Statement issued 6 August 2015. If either of those assumptions are incorrect, please let me know.

I further note that your request does not specify a timeframe. Q&A has been in production since 2008, making a search for every document that is potentially within the scope of your request prohibitively extensive.

In light of the above, please clarify and refine the scope of your request. Clarification may include:

- requesting only documents created or sent to or by specific ABC employees, categories of employees, or employees working in specific ABC Divisions or departments; and

- requesting only documents created during a reasonable time period.

Once you have clarified the scope of your request, the 30-day processing period will commence.

Please note that in seeking to clarify your request I am not making representations regarding the existence of any documents, or whether access to them will be granted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juliana Walsh', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Juliana Walsh

Corporate Compliance Coordinator