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In reply please quote:

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Julie Simpson

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Dear Ms Simpson

Notice of Consultation – Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)

I refer to your request received on 31 August 2015 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to the following documents:

'copies correspondence from the Australian Border Force ("ABF") to the Responsible Minister, Peter Dutton, or his Department that relates to the ABFs participation in Operation Fortitude, conducted in Melbourne on August 28 and 29 2015'.

The Department has identified documents, relevant to your request, that originated from a State government authority.

In these circumstances, the Department is required to consult under s.26A of the FOI Act (documents affecting Commonwealth-State relations) about the possible release of the documents under the Act.

The FOI Act provides agencies with an additional 30 days to carry out these consultations. The due date for your FOI request is now 30 October 2015.

If the relevant authority objects to the release of the documents and asserts that the documents are exempt under s.47B of the FOI Act, the authorised decision maker will need to take those views into account when reaching a final decision on release of the documents.

In the event that the State government authority objects to the release of the identified documents, you will be advised of the next steps in the FOI process.

Contacting the FOI Section

If you wish to discuss this matter, I can be contacted using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LR' or 'L Rossiter'.

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