



Australian Government
Office of Parliamentary Counsel

Our ref:
Your ref:

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Dear Tyler

Freedom of information request no. 25-2025

1 I refer to your 31 January 2025 request for an internal review in relation to the handling by OPC and the Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General (*OOSGG*) of your 13 January 2025 request for documents relating to Royal Assent to the *Statute Law Revision Act 2010* (the *Act*).

2 OPC cannot review the OOSGG's handling of the part of the request that was transferred to it. You should direct any further correspondence about it, including any request for internal review, to the OOSGG.

3 In relation to the part of the request that OPC handled, I have concluded that there is no decision for me to review. My reasons are set out below, along with the background and some further information about your rights.

Background

4 In an email received by OPC on 13 January 2025, you requested access to:

- a copy of the Act as passed with the signature of the Royal Assent; and
- documents submitted to the Governor-General for the purposes of obtaining the Royal Assent, including certificates from the relevant House of the Parliament and the Attorney-General.

5 On 28 January 2025, OPC's authorised officer replied by:

- in response to the first part of your request—providing you with a true copy of the Governor-General's signature on the Act; and
- in response to the second part of your request—noting that this part of the request had been transferred by OPC to the OOSGG on 22 January 2025 under subsection 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the *FOI Act*). You were separately advised of this on 22 January 2025.

6 On 31 January 2025, you requested an internal review of the handling, by OPC and the OOSGG, of your request.

No decision to review

7 In relation to the part of the request that OPC responded to, OPC provided you with the material requested. Because OPC granted this part of your request, there is no decision for me to review under section 54C of the FOI Act.

8 OPC has no ability to review action taken by OOSGG in relation to the part of your request that was transferred to OOSGG. Should you wish to pursue internal review of OOSGG's actions, you should contact OOSGG directly.

Material taken into account in preparing this response

9 I have taken the following material into account in preparing this response:

- (a) the correspondence between you and OPC mentioned above;
- (b) the FOI Act;
- (c) guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act.

Your review rights

10 This letter is not a decision on internal review, since I have found that there is no decision for me to review. OPC's 28 January 2025 letter to you set out information about your review rights in relation to the decision set out in that letter.

FOI complaints

11 If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your FOI request, please let us know what we could have done better. We may be able to rectify the problem. If you are not satisfied with our response, you can make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be made in writing. Complaints can be lodged in one of the following ways:

- online:
https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=ICCA_1
- email: foidr@oaic.gov.au
- post: Director of FOI Dispute Resolution, GPO Box 5218 Sydney 2001

12 More information about complaints is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-complaints/make-an-foi-complaint>.

13 The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has more information at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights>.

Questions about this decision

14 If you have any questions about this decision, please contact OPC's FOI Coordinator:

- by email: foi@opc.gov.au
by post: FOI Coordinator
Office of Parliamentary Counsel
Locked Bag 30
Kingston ACT 2604

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Considine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Considine
Second Parliamentary Counsel
27 February 2025