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Dear Ms Meller

Freedom of Information Request dated 22 October 2015 - MJO-FOI2015/09

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* for the following documents:

1. *All drafts of the press release issued 9 September 2015 titled "New \$18.5 million biometrics tool to put a face to crime";*
2. *All correspondence between employees of the Attorney-General's Department regarding the drafting and approval of the press release mentioned in point 1; and*
3. *All correspondence between the Attorney-General's Department and the Minister for Justice's office and/or the Minister for Justice regarding the press release mentioned in point 1.*

The 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after the date of receipt of your request. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. This Office will advise you if this happens.

It is the usual practice of the Minister for Justice's Office not to release the names and contact details of junior officers in the Minister's Office or the Department and other government agencies, where that personal information is contained in documents within the scope of a request. The names and contact details of senior officers will generally be released.

If you have any questions, please contact this Office on (02) 6277 7290.

Yours sincerely

Peter Soros
Chief of Staff

28 OCT 2015