



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
BARTON

FOI/2015/217

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

REQUEST BY: Alan Cole

DECISION BY: Amanda McIntyre
First Assistant Secretary
Chief Financial Officer

FOI request

In an email dated 10 November 2015, the applicant made a request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet ('the Department'), under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to the following:

I would like to make the following request the list of accredited delegations to the G20 summit in Brisbane. That is for each country the list of ministers and support staff that accompanied each national leader and had accreditation to the summit.

On 13 November 2015 the Department wrote to Mr Cole indicating that the request was too large and inviting him to revise his request. On 16 November 2015 Mr Cole submitted a revised request to the Department as follows:

Following on from your response about my request being too large and your department having to consult thousands of people I would like to revise it down to the list of ministers and support staff that accompanied the leaders of France, Germany and Mexico.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make this decision in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department's Secretary under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Search for relevant documents

Having regard to my knowledge of where documents potentially relevant to the applicant's request would be held, if they existed, I arranged for the following locations to be searched:

- relevant email accounts;
- the Departments file management system (TRIM); and
- the accreditation database;

As a result of these searches, no document was located that completely meets the scope of the applicants request. However, one document ('Document 1') was found in the Department that partially meets the scope of the applicants request.

Decision

I have decided to grant access in part to Document 1 (**attached**).

Reasons for decision

Deletion of exempt and irrelevant matter

Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that exempt and irrelevant matter may be deleted from a copy of a document, and access granted to such an amended copy, where it is reasonably practicable to do so, unless it is apparent that the applicant would not wish to have access to such a copy. I have decided to delete information related to people who did not accompany the leaders as irrelevant.

I am satisfied the documents contain information that is irrelevant or exempt and I consider that it is reasonably practicable to make a copy of each such document with the matter I have found to be exempt and irrelevant deleted, and that the applicant would wish to be granted access to a copy of the documents with deletions.

Processing and access charges

I have decided not to impose a processing charge in respect of the applicant's request.

Review rights

Details of the applicant's review rights are set out in 'FOI fact sheet 12 – Freedom of information – Your review rights', which is **attached** to this decision notice.

Complaint rights

The applicant may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner or the Commonwealth Ombudsman about the Department's actions in relation to this decision. Making a complaint about the way the Department has handled an FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of the Department's decision.

Please note: From 1 November 2014 the Information Commissioner will refer all FOI complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency in respect of which the complaint is made.

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) may be contacted by phone (1300 363 992), email (enquiries@oaic.gov.au) or letter (GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601). Further information about the OAIC can be found on their website: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/>

A complaint to the Commonwealth Ombudsman may be made orally or in writing. You may make a complaint to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman by phone (1300 362 072), by letter (GPO Box 442 Canberra ACT 2601), by fax (02 6276 0123), in person or through their online complaint form. Further information about the Commonwealth Ombudsman can be found on their website: <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/>.

Should the applicant have any inquiries about this decision, she should contact the Department by telephone on (02) 6271 5849 or by email at FOI@pmc.gov.au.



On behalf of
Amanda McIntyre
First Assistant Secretary
Chief Financial Officer

8 January 2016