

**Australian Government****Department of Health, Disability and Ageing**

FOI reference: FOI 26-2176

Ben Little

Via Right to Know

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Dear Mr Ben Little,

Decision on your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your information access request of 10 September 2025 made to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (**the department**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (**FOI Act**). In your request, you sought access to:

a copy of the report at milestone 4 and 7: both called, Final Report that are listed in the contract between the Social Deck and the Australian Government. Contract ID: 90015605, The Delivery of the Foundational Supports Stakeholder Consultation Strategy in the BuyICT Professional Services and Consultancy Change order signed by DSS on 1 April 2025.

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your access request.

Extension of time to process request

On 8 October 2025, the department informed you that it was consulting with third parties whose information was contained in documents identified as relevant to your request under sections 27 and 27A of the FOI Act. As a result, the statutory timeframe for your request was extended by 30 days to 9 November 2025.

As 9 November 2025 falls on a Sunday, the timeframe for notifying the decision will expire on the first business day following that day being 10 November 2025.

Reasonable searches

The department has conducted reasonable searches for documents in scope of your request. As per the FOI Guidelines at paragraph 3.150, these searches were undertaken with reference to:

- the subject matter of your request
- the department's current and past file management systems

- the department's record management systems
- the individuals within the department with knowledge of the subject matter of the documents, or who could assist with location of documents
- the age of the documents.

I am satisfied that the searches undertaken were both thorough and reasonable in the context of the scope of your request, the resources of the department, and the requirements of the FOI Act and FOI Guidelines.

Decision on access

I have identified four documents that are relevant to your request.

These documents were in the possession of the department when your request was received.

I have decided to grant access to four documents in full.

A schedule setting out the documents relevant to your request, with my decision in relation to those documents, is at **ATTACHMENT A**.

Your review rights

I have set out your review rights at **ATTACHMENT B**.

Publication

Where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log, as required by section 11C of the FOI Act. The department will not publish personal or business affairs information where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at: www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log.

Contacts

If you require clarification of any matters discussed in this letter you can contact the FOI Section on (02) 6289 1666 or at FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



L. Jackman
Assistant Secretary
Foundational Supports and Early Childhood Reforms Branch
7 November 2025

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS
FOI REQUEST 26-2176**

Document	Pages	Date	Description	Decision on access	Relevant provision/s of FOI Act
1	19	Undated	<p align="center">First Nations Consultation Report</p> <p align="center">Published at: https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundationalsupports/consultation-reports</p>	Granted in full	N/A
2	95	Undated	<p align="center">General Supports Consultation Report</p> <p align="center">Published at: https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundationalsupports/consultation-reports</p>	Granted in full	N/A
3	50	Undated	<p align="center">Supports for Children under 9 Consultation Report</p> <p align="center">Published at: https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundationalsupports/consultation-reports</p>	Granted in full	N/A
4	19	Undated	<p align="center">Foundational Supports Consultations - Disability Advocacy Reports</p> <p align="center">Published at: https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundationalsupports/consultation-reports</p>	Granted in full	N/A

ATTACHMENT B.

YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

Internal review

You can request internal review within 30 days of you receiving this decision. An internal review will be conducted by a different officer from the original decision maker.

No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be changed.

Applications for internal review can be made by:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au

Mail: FOI Section (Level 3 North)
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you choose to seek an internal review, you will also have a right to apply for Information Commissioner review (**IC review**) of the internal review decision once it has been provided to you.

Information Commissioner review or complaint

You have the right to seek Information Commissioner (IC) review of this decision. For FOI applicants, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 60 days of the decision. For third parties who object to disclosure of their information, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 30 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your FOI request, you can lodge a complaint with the OAIC. However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

While there is no particular form required to make a complaint to the OAIC, the complaint should be in writing and set out the reasons for why you are dissatisfied with the way your request was processed. It should also identify the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing as the agency about which you are complaining.

You can make an IC review application or make an FOI complaint in one of the following ways:

- online at www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/
- via email to foidr@oaic.gov.au
- by mail to GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or
- by fax to 02 9284 9666.

More information about the Information Commissioner reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with action taken by the department, you may also make a complaint directly to the department.

Complaints to the department are covered by the department's privacy policy. A form for lodging a complaint directly to the department is available on the department's website here: www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints