



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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Mr Mark Farrell  
c/o  
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Dear Mr Farrell

I am writing in relation to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) received by the Department on 15 November 2012 seeking access to the following:

- information on the number of written requests and formal representations from citizens and organisations to the Office of the Prime Minister and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet requesting a Royal Commission into abuse of children in institutionalised care since 1990.
- resulting information to be broken down by government and by year.

The Department's letter of 30 November gave notice of the Department's intention to refuse the request in accordance with subsection 24(1) of the Act on the ground that processing the request 'would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations'. Accordingly, the letter provided you with an opportunity to consult with the Department with a view to narrowing the terms of the request in such a way that it might reasonably be managed by the Department and advised that a period of 14 days, from receipt of the letter, would give you a reasonable opportunity to consult with the Department.

As no response was received from you within the 14 day period, I am now writing to advise that the request has been taken to have been withdrawn under subsection 24AB(7) of the Act for the reasons set out in the Department's letter of 30 November 2012.

I enclose information setting out your rights of complaint and review.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, I may be contacted by telephone on (02) 6271 5849.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dicks', written over a horizontal line.

FOI Action Officer  
Legal Policy Branch

17 December 2012