



Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Mr Peter Timmins
c/o Right To Know

Transmitted by email to foi+request-15-8f57ada1@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Timmins

I refer to your current request under the FOI Act for access to documents relating to the following:

"Any relevant document or documents that canvass issues concerning the Open Government Partnership created or that came into the possession of the department in the period 1 October 2012 to 18 November 2012."

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make access decisions, and have been appointed to be the decision-maker on your request as required by departmental procedures. I have been provided with the document identified in searches within the Department as being relevant to your request.

Decision

After careful consideration of the material and the terms and context of your request, I have identified 1 document as being relevant to your request. I have decided to release it to you in full with only the irrelevant material deleted. The document is attached.

I have deleted material under section 22 of the FOI Act, which allows material that is either irrelevant or exempt from release to be deleted, to enable the remaining material in the document to be released. Where I have deleted material in a document because it is irrelevant, I have noted on that part of the document that material has been deleted under section 22 of the FOI Act. In my view disclosing this material would disclose information that is reasonably regarded as irrelevant to your request.

Material considered

The material on which my decision is based includes:

- the request and the document within the scope of the request;
- the FOI Act;
- the Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act; and
- the views of third parties who were consulted.

Your review rights

Notwithstanding my decision to release the document in full, your review rights are as follows;

Internal review

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review of my access decision. Your request must be in writing and be directed within 30 days of receipt of this letter to:

Director
Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R G Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
BARTON ACT 0221

Australian Information Commissioner

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review by the Australian Information Commissioner of my access decision. You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner under section 70 on the Department's performance of its functions or the exercise of power under the FOI Act.

Your request for review or complaint should be directed to:

GPO Box 2999,
Canberra ACT 2601
Telephone: 1300 363 992
Fax: (02) 9284 9666
Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

Complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman

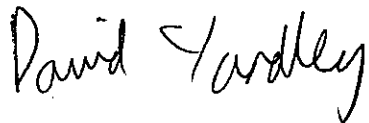
You may complain to the Ombudsman concerning actions taken by an agency in the exercise of its powers or, more specifically, the performance of its functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation of your complaint.

You may complain to the Ombudsman by calling or writing to:

Commonwealth Ombudsman
PO Box K825
Haymarket NSW 1240
Telephone: 1300 362 072
Fax: (02) 9211 4402

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the FOI case officer John Scott on (02) 6261 3212.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Yardley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'Y'.

David Yardley
Acting Assistant Secretary
Domestic Legal Branch