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Mr Ben Fairless

**By email only to: [foi+request-1885-f1256bc6@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-1885-f1256bc6@righttoknow.org.au)**

Dear Mr Fairless

### **Acknowledgment of Freedom of Information Request**

I refer to your email dated 21 April 2016 received by this office on 21 April 2016 in which you sought access under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act) to:

All documents related to the FOI File for the FOI request reference "SPEAR 09-20044/FOI Request".

Your request constitutes a valid application from 21 April 2016. Subject to certain exceptions (for example where it becomes necessary to consult with affected third parties in respect to the disclosure of documents caught by the terms of the request) which may extend the processing time period, the FOI Act provides that an application must be processed within 30 days after receipt of a valid application.

You should note that, while the first five hours of decision making is free of charge, charges may be assessed for time spent in searching for and retrieving relevant documents, decision-making time in excess of five hours, photocopying and postage.

You will be provided with a preliminary assessment of the charges before the final decision is made about access to the documents you have requested. You will be told the final assessment of the amount to be charged at the time of the decision about access.

### **Agency Publication Obligations**

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Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your request please contact me by telephone on 02 9911 2847.

Yours sincerely,



Philip Peck  
Financial Services Enforcement  
(Authorised Decision-maker pursuant to section 23(1) of the FOI Act)