



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our Reference: FOI-ORS: 16-0049

Ben Fairless

Via email: foi+request-1973-b2fbc2ee@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Fairless,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by Access Canberra on 31 May 2016, in which you sought access to:

1. Any user guides or technical information surrounding NEVDIS; and
2. Any user guides or technical documentation surrounding the use and support of the ACT Driver and Vehicle Registration system.

I am the officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

Scope and charges

As foreshadowed in our acknowledgement letter, the Directorate may apply processing charges for time spent in searching, retrieving and making access decisions on documents identified within the scope of your request. After a preliminary assessment of your application, it appears that the volume of documents requested will be very large.

Additionally, certain documents identified as relevant to your request contain information regarding the business affairs of third parties, and therefore consultation may be required. Under sections 27 and 27A of the Act these third parties may reasonably wish to contend that the documents should be treated as exempt under section 43 (business affairs) and section 41 (personal privacy) of the Act. As decision-maker, I am not bound by third party submission, but I am bound to consider it in making my decision to release or exempt the documents.

Due to the broad scope of your request, the processing charges that you may be asked to pay are likely to be in the high four figure to low five figure range. This estimation has been based on the interpretation that you are seeking access to any user guides or technical information surrounding NEVDIS and any user guides or technical documentation surrounding the use and support of the ACT Driver and Vehicle Registration system.

You may like to consider redefining or narrowing the scope of your request. A narrower, specific request should result in you receiving documents most relevant to your purpose, and result in a reduction of processing charges. We can assist you in creating an application that meets your needs without generating excessive costs. We would appreciate if you could please contact Mr Matt Leonard on (02) 6207 3417, Freedom of Information Coordinator, Government Business & Coordination within seven days, to advise whether you wish to review the scope of your request.

If you choose to continue with your application as it is currently stated, the Directorate will estimate the total charge in accordance with the *ACT Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2015* and advise you of the proposed charges.

I will wait to hear back from you before I consider your request any further, following which I will advise you regarding any third party consultation required.

Please feel free to contact Mr Leonard should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Swale', written in a cursive style.

Brett Swale
Decision Maker
Access Canberra

20 June 2016