



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.

On 21 June 2016, I sent you a letter outlining the potentially high costs involved in the processing of your recent Freedom of Information (FOI) request and asked that you consider redefining or narrowing the scope of your request, with a view to minimise the processing costs. You responded on 24 June 2016 advising us that you wish to refine the scope to only include the most recent information and exclude duplicates.

On 28 June 2016 we responded via email to you advising that taking into account your refinements, there would still be a very significant amount of documents falling in scope and that fees would still be incurred in line with *ACT Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2015*. A request was made for you to phone Access Canberra to discuss the FOI and for us to provide assistance in further refining the scope in an effort to reduce fees and to provide you with the documents you require.

As stated in our acknowledgement letter dated 2 June 2016, a decision on access to the documents was due on 30 June 2016. Access Canberra has offered assistance to work with you to determine if you wish to go ahead with the request and pay potentially substantial costs or narrow the scope. Given that a decision from you is still outstanding and that the time to make a decision, that is 30 days, has now lapsed, I have decided to close this FOI request.

The offer to assist you in redefining the scope still remains and certainly once the scope is either refined or you are able to provide us with a decision on how you wish to proceed, you are welcome to resubmit your request.

Review rights

You have the right to seek a review of the outcome under section 59 of the Act within 28 days from the date of this letter, or such other period as the Director-General permits. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. Requests for review should be submitted to the following address:

The Director-General
Chief Minister, Treasury, and Economic Development Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Officer
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You also have the right to contact the Ombudsman regarding the processing of your request and you may contact the Ombudsman's Office at the following address:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Should you have any questions in relation to this letter please contact the Access Canberra FOI Coordinator Mr Matt Leonard on 62073417.

Yours sincerely



Brett Swale
Decision Maker
Access Canberra

1 July 2016