



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

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Mr James Baldwin  
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**By email:** James Baldwin <foi+request-2095-25af03d9@righttoknow.org.au>

Dear Mr Baldwin

I refer to your request received by the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 4 August 2016 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to the following documents:

1. *Details of how many payment summaries for the 2015-16 financial year were issued to current or former staff after 14 July 2016 and*
2. *If any payment summaries were issued after 14 July 2016, any documents that mention why the payment summaries were not issued on or before 14 July 2016.*

**Third Party Consultation (Business or commercial information)**

Your request covers documents which contain information about an organisation's business affairs.

Under section 27 of the FOI Act where a request is made for a document containing information about the business affairs of an organisation and it appears to the Department that the organisation might reasonably wish to contend that the information is

- conditionally exempt under section 47G and
- giving access to the document would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest,

the Department must give the organisation a reasonable opportunity to make a submission in support of the contention. Section 27 also requires the Department to have regard to this submission before making a decision to give access to the document.

**Timing for consultation with third parties**

Where consultation with a third party is required, subsection 15(6) of the FOI Act extends the standard statutory 30-day time limit for processing requests by another 30 days. Accordingly, this will give the Department 60 days within which to notify you of its decision on access to the documents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eisenberg".

Andra Eisenberg  
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