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Dear Mr Galbraith

I refer to your email dated 10 August 2016, and to your request for access to documents in the possession of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (the ABS) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act). Your request sought access to the following:

- final approved versions of the system design, system requirements and architecture documents;
- testing scenarios, reports and results for the website including load testing results; and
- invoices, payment records or contacts with external parties related to the website.

I am writing to notify you of our intention to refuse your request, in its current form, in accordance with Section 24(1) of the FOI Act.

I am refusing this request because a practical refusal reason exists.

In accordance with Section 24AA of the FOI Act, the work involved in processing your request in its current form would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations.

This view is based on information that I received from the business area that holds the documents. The business area estimates that it will take 273 hours of searching, generate 7510 document pages and require 626 hours of consideration.

Please contact ABS FOI Officer Keelie Williams with a view to agreeing to one of the following options:

- a. withdrawing your request;
- b. revising your request to narrow the scope; or
- c. indicating that you do not wish to revise your request.

Keelie Williams can be reached by email at freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6252 7203.

Please note that in accordance with Section 24AB(2)(e) you have 14 days from the date of this email to contact the ABS regarding your request. If we do not hear from you in this time your request will be deemed to be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

Christine Williams
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