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Dear Mr Gothe-Snape

I refer to your email dated 31 August 2016, and to your request for access to documents in the possession of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). Your request sought access to the following:

"The documents provided by the ABS to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet containing advice on what happened on Census day, including traffic charts and information from IBM".

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 6 hours of searching, generate 1,500 document pages and require 231 hours of consideration.

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

- a. withdrawing your request; or
- b. revising your request to narrow the scope.

Alexia Tribe 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 If we do not hear from you in this time your request will be deemed to be withdrawn.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

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