



15 September 2016

Mr Dan Monceaux

Sent by email: [foi+request-2145-dac243f7@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-2145-dac243f7@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Monceaux

**Notice of Charges under  
The Freedom of Information Act 1982**

I refer to your request dated 18 August 2016 for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act):

*All written and email correspondence and documentation relating to the documentary TV series: Uranium - Twisting the Dragon's Tail, sent or received by ANSTO and its staff prior to, during the series' development and following its premier broadcast on SBS. The series was written by Wain Fimeri, was produced by Gene Pool Productions and first aired on SBS in 2015.*

I am writing to advise you of my decision that you are liable to pay a charge in respect of the processing of your request. I, Steven McIntosh, am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

In accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act and the *Freedom of Information Charges Regulations 1982*, my preliminary assessment of the charge you are liable to pay is \$186.00.

***Basis for my preliminary assessment of the charge***

I have assessed the work ANSTO would need to do to process your request and have calculated the following breakdown of charges:

Document estimate	
Number of relevant pages	600

PROCESSING CHARGES			
Search and retrieval			
Task	Time	Cost \$15/hr	@
Search, retrieval, printing and scanning of relevant electronic records.	4	\$60	
Preparation of schedule of documents	4	\$60	
<b>A. Search and retrieval subtotal</b>		<b>\$120</b>	
Decision making			
Task	Time	Cost \$20/hr	@
Examination of documents	3	\$60	
Consultation with third parties	1	\$20	
Preparation of documents for release	2	\$40	
Preparation of notice of access decision	2	\$40	
<b>Decision making subtotal (before deduction of 5 hours)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$160</b>	
<b>B. Decision making subtotal (after deduction of first 5 hours free)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$60</b>	

ACCESS AND DELIVERY CHARGES		
	No. of pages	Cost
Transcription (\$4.40/page)		
Photocopy (\$0.10/page)	600	\$6
Other copies (\$4.40/page)		
<b>C. Access and delivery charges subtotal</b>		<b>\$6.00</b>

ESTIMATED TOTALS AND DEPOSIT	
ESTIMATED TOTAL (total of A, B and C)	\$186.00
REQUIRED DEPOSIT	\$46.50

**Scope**

I have made my assessment on the basis that you are seeking documents in relation to ANSTO's direct involvement in the production of the documentary TV series: Uranium - Twisting the Dragon's Tail.

The ANSTO divisions who were directly involved in communicating with Gene Pool Productions were ANSTO's CEO Dr Adi Paterson and the Communications Division.

In my assessment I have not included:

1. Duplicate emails where the email has been sent to various different individuals.
2. Informal emails by ANSTO staff (not involved in the communications with Gene Pool Productions) where they may mention the documentary.

Unless I hear from you otherwise, I will proceed on the basis that you have no objection to my interpretation of the scope.

***Your right to contend the charge***

Under the FOI Act, you have the right to contend that the charge:

- has been wrongly assessed, or
- should be reduced, or
- should not be imposed.

In deciding whether a charge should be reduced or not imposed, I will take into account:



Once payment has been made, please email [foi@ansto.gov.au](mailto:foi@ansto.gov.au) and include the payment reference number.

***The time you have to respond and what you need to do***

You have 30 days to respond in writing to this notice. We therefore expect a response from you by 15 October 2016. By that date, you must do one of the following things in writing:

- agree to pay the charge (this will mean that you will not be entitled to access the requested documents until the full charge is paid)
- contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed and explain your reasons
- withdraw your request.

Please send your response to:

[foi@ansto.gov.au](mailto:foi@ansto.gov.au)

If you do not provide us with a written response by 15 October 2016 your request will be taken to have been withdrawn.

The period for processing your request is suspended from the day that you receive this notice and resumes on either the day you pay the charge (in full or the required deposit) or the day on which this agency makes a decision not to impose a charge.

Yours sincerely



Steven McIntosh  
Manager  
Nuclear Security, Government and International Affairs