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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

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Dan Monceaux  
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Dear Mr Monceaux

**Re: Freedom of Information (FOI) Request**

I refer to your e-mail of 19 August in which you seek access under the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

*all documentation sent or received by the Australia-India Council which discusses the prospect of the sale of Australian uranium to India. My request includes (but is not limited to) the minutes of any meetings where this matter was discussed, arrangements and plans for relevant trade delegations, internal and external correspondence (including email) and reports.*

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions, and have been appointed to be the decision-maker on your request in line with departmental procedures.

I advise that a search of files undertaken by the Australia-India Council has failed to identify any document relevant to the scope of your request.

The Australia-India Council's purpose is to broaden the relationship between Australia and India by encouraging and supporting contacts and increasing levels of knowledge and understanding between the peoples and institutions of the two countries. The Council initiates or supports a range of activities designed to promote a greater awareness of Australia in India and a greater awareness of India in Australia, including visits and exchanges between the two countries, development of institutional links, and support of studies in each country of the other. Its remit does not include the negotiation of bilateral agreements. Further information on the Australia-India Council is available at: <http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/foundations-councils-institutes/australia-india-council/pages/australia-india-council.aspx>.

I am therefore unable to meet your request in accordance with the provisions of section 24A(1)(b)(ii) as DFAT holds no documents relevant to your request.

Please find your rights of review outlined below.

*Internal review*

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review of my decision. Your request should be made in writing and sent within 30 days of receipt of this letter addressed to:

Director  
Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
R G Casey Building  
John McEwen Crescent  
Barton ACT 0221

*Australian Information Commissioner*

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review by the Australian Information Commissioner of my access refusal decision. You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner under section 70 on the Department's performance of its functions or the exercise of power under the FOI Act.

Your request for review or complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 5218  
Sydney NSW 2001  
email: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)  
Telephone: 1300 363 992  
Fax: (02) 9284 9666

*Complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman*

You may complain to the Ombudsman concerning actions taken by an agency in the exercise of its powers or, more specifically, the performance of its functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation of your complaint.

You may complain to the Ombudsman by calling or writing to:

Commonwealth Ombudsman  
Level 5, Childers Square,  
14 Childers Street  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au)  
Telephone: 1300 362 072  
Fax: (02) 6276 0123

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact your FOI case officer Ada Cheung on (02) 6261 3470 or by email to [foi@dfat.gov.au](mailto:foi@dfat.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

*Helen Horsington*

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