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Dear Dr Pettersson

I refer to your email dated 26 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:

'Any and all information given to Census workers regarding their rights, responsibilities and equipment as they performed their duties relating to the Census. Such information could include, but is not limited to:

- a) any training materials given directly to the workers;
- b) lists of any equipment provided to workers;
- b) any material pertaining to information that may have been passed on to workers verbally, or by other means of communications, by supervisors or other persons involved; and
- c) any specific instructions or manuals relating to any equipment provided to census workers.'

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 9 hours of searching, generate 3,864 document pages and require 323 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; or
- b. revising your request to narrow the scope.

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 If we do not hear from you in this time your request will be deemed to be withdrawn.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