



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Mr Rodger James

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Dear Mr James

I refer to your emails received on 21 September and 23 November 2016 through the Right to Know website.

This letter is to advise you that the Department has not registered your emails as requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act), as your emails do not meet the requirements of a valid FOI request. A valid FOI request requires the applicant to provide such information concerning the document as is reasonably necessary to enable a responsible officer of the agency to identify it (section 15(2)(b)). Your emails do not provide enough information that enables the Department to identify the documents you wish to access or the individuals to which the documents may relate.

Further, to assist you to decide if you wish to make a request with the Department, please note that it is unlikely that the Department will be able to release the personal information of another individual to you without the consent of that individual or a Next of Kin.

Additionally, the Right to Know website is not the appropriate forum for seeking the personal information of any individual. If you would like to make an FOI request for personal information, please contact the Department directly at [foi@dva.gov.au](mailto:foi@dva.gov.au).

If you have any questions, please contact us using the following details:

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Yours sincerely

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