



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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BARTON

FOI/2013/062

Mr Jeremy Cooper-Stout  
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Dear Mr Cooper-Stout

I refer to your email dated 19 June 2013 in which you made a request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in the following terms:

I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following documents:

1. Policy documents regarding when a person is offered a 'state funeral'.
2. Documents governing the protocol(s) which apply to 'state funeral[s]'.

The authorised decision-maker for your request is Assistant Secretary, Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch, Mr Frank Leverett.

**Notice of deemed withdrawal**

By letter dated 10 July 2013, the Department wrote notifying you that you were liable to pay charges should you wish to proceed with your request. I enclose a copy of the Department's correspondence dated 10 July 2013.

Subsection 29(2) of the FOI Act provides if you do not respond within 30 days of receiving a charges notification, the request will be taken to have been withdrawn. As we have not received a response from you in relation to continuing with your request, I am writing to advise that your request has been deemed withdrawn.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on (02) 6271 5849 or by email at [foi@pmc.gov.au](mailto:foi@pmc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Stupp'.

FOI Adviser  
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12 August 2013