



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

Anthony
Via Right to Know

By email: foi+request-2334-e676f8a9@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Anthony

I refer to your request received by the Department of Education and Training (the department) on 11 October 2016 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to the following:

"... VET FEE-HELP documents held by yourselves.

You have previously supplied annual VET FEE-HELP annual statistics reports and I am unable to find the 2015 equivalent. Can you please provide this?

In addition, you have previously reported VET FEE-HELP student enrolment data yet I am unable to locate any such information for the 2016 year. Can you also please provide this?"

I am authorised to make decisions under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act.

I am advised that the department has in its possession 5 documents consisting of 38 pages and 3 excel spreadsheets which fall within the scope of your request. I have decided that all pages are appropriate for release and copies of these pages are enclosed.

Please note one of these documents has been created by the department pursuant to section 17 of the FOI Act to provide you with the VET FEE-HELP student enrolment data for 2016. If you have questions about any data contained in the documents, you can contact the Data and IT team directly at DataFVandIT@education.gov.au, without the need for you to make an FOI request.

The VET FEE-HELP Statistical Report for 2015 is now also publicly available at:
<http://education.gov.au/vet-fee-help-statistics>.

I have enclosed information about your rights of review under the FOI Act at **Attachment A**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02)6240 9698 or via email at foi@education.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Thomas', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathryn Thomas
FOI Officer
Schools, Child Care and Corporate Legal Branch
People, Communication and Legal Group

4 November 2016

Your rights of review

Internal Review

Section 54 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) gives you the right to apply for an internal review of this decision. The review will be conducted by a different person to the person who made the original decision.

If you wish to seek an internal review of the decision you must apply for the review, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required for an application for internal review, but to assist the decision-maker you should clearly outline the grounds upon which you consider the decision should be reviewed. Applications for internal review can be lodged in one of the following ways:

Post: The FOI Coordinator
Schools, Child Care and Corporate Legal Branch
People, Communication and Legal Group
Department of Education and Training
Location Code: C50MA10
GPO BOX 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: foi@education.gov.au

External Review by the Australian Information Commissioner

Section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply directly to the Australian Information Commissioner (AIC) to seek a review of this decision.

If you wish to have the decision reviewed by the AIC you must apply for the review, in writing or by using the online merits review form available on the AIC's website at www.oaic.gov.au, within 60 days of receipt of this letter. To assist the AIC your application should include a copy of this decision and your contact details. You should also clearly set out why you are objecting to the decision.

You can also complain to the AIC about how an agency handled an FOI request, or other actions the agency took under the FOI Act.

Applications for review or complaint can be lodged in one of the following ways:

Online: www.oaic.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 5218
Sydney NSW 2001
Fax: +61 2 9284 9666
Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
In person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

For general enquiries, please call 1300 363 992 or +61 2 9284 9749 for international.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman

You can complain to the Commonwealth Ombudsman concerning action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the FOI Act.

A complaint to the Commonwealth Ombudsman may be made orally or in writing. The Ombudsman may be contacted for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Australia on telephone 1300 362 072.