



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Jackson Gothe-Snape

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Dear Mr Gothe-Snape

I refer to your request received by the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 1 November 2016 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to

the first report on the 6-month review of the cashless welfare card trial submitted by the department to the Minister's office

Third Party Consultation - Commonwealth/State relations

Your request covers information in documents, originating with, or received from a Western Australian State authority.

Under 26A of the FOI Act, where consultation arrangements have been entered into between the Commonwealth and a State and it appears to the Department that the State might reasonably wish to contend that requested documents are conditionally exempt under section 47B and granting access would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest, the Department must not give access to the documents unless consultation has taken place.

Timing for consultation with third parties

Given that consultation with a third party is required, subsection 15(6) of the FOI Act extends the standard statutory 30-day time limit for processing requests by another 30 days. Accordingly, this will give the Department 60 days within which to notify you of its decision on access to the documents.

Publication of information in the FOI disclosure log

Information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the Department's website. Section 11C of the FOI Act requires this publication, subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eisenberg".

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