



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Jackson Gothe-Snape
SBS

By email:

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Dear Mr Gothe-Snape

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request No. 16/17-039

1. I refer to your correspondence received by the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 1 November 2016, in which you requested access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to the following documents:

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

2. On 14 November 2016, you revised your request to:

The first report on the 6-month review of the cashless welfare card trial submitted by the department to the Minister's office, excluding all information relating to the WA component of the trial.

3. I am authorised to make decisions under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act and my decision regarding your request and the reasons for my decision are set out below. The Schedule of Documents at **Attachment A** summarises my decision as it applies to the documents covered by your request.

Decision on access to documents

4. I am advised that the Department has in its possession one document consisting of 36 pages that falls within the scope of your request.
5. Having considered this document, I have decided that pages 6 and 19-36 are wholly irrelevant to your request, pages 1-4 are partially relevant to your request and pages 5 and 7-18 are wholly relevant to your request.
6. I have therefore decided to grant partial access to pages 1-4 and access in full to pages 5 and 7-18.
7. In reaching my decision, I took the following material into account:
 - your correspondence of 1 November and 14 November 2016 outlining the particulars of your request;

- the document falling within the scope of your request;
- the FOI Act;
- consultations with departmental officers about:
 - the nature of the documents;
 - the Department's operating environment and functions; and
- the guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act.

Access to edited copies with irrelevant matter deleted – section 22

8. The FOI Act allows for the deletion of irrelevant material from a document so that the remainder of the document can be released.
9. I have decided that certain pages, as referred to in the Schedule of Documents at **Attachment A**, are either wholly irrelevant to your request or contain material that is irrelevant to your request. I have therefore decided to delete the irrelevant information and release the balance of the documents to you. The deletions are identified in the Schedule of Documents at **Attachment A**.
10. I have not taken into account any of the irrelevant factors set out under subsection 11B(4) of the FOI Act in making this decision.

Pages to be released in full

11. I have decided that pages 5 and 7-18 are wholly within the scope of your request and are to be released in full. These pages to be released in full are identified in the Schedule of Documents at **Attachment A**.

Release of documents

12. The Document for release is enclosed.

Rights of review

13. I have set out your rights to seek a review of my decision at **Attachment B**.
14. Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at foi@dss.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Andra Eisenberg
FOI Team
Government and Executive Services Branch
Corporate Services Group

1 December 2016

Attachment A
Schedule of Documents

Document No.	Page Number	Date	Description	Decision
Cashless Debit Card Trial Progress Report	1-4	28 October 2016	Contents and Executive Summary	Partial release (s.22)
	5		Key Points - Ceduna	Release in full
	6		Key Points - Kununurra/ Wyndham	Page irrelevant to request (s.22)
	7-18		Crime Poker Machine Revenue - Ceduna, Clients supported by Specialist Homelessness Services - Ceduna, Public Intoxication Act Apprehensions - Ceduna, Emergency Department Admissions - Ceduna, Sobering- Up Unit Admissions – Ceduna and Mobile Assistance Patrol – Ceduna and Anecdotal Feedback and Support Services – Ceduna.	Release in full
	19-36		East Kimberley	All pages irrelevant (s.22)

Your rights of review

Internal review

Section 54 of the 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 format is required but it will help the new decision-maker if you state clearly why you consider the decision should be reviewed. Please send your application by post or email as follows:

Post: Freedom of Information (FOI) Coordinator
Government and Executive Services Branch, TOP CE4
Corporate Services Group
Department of Social Services
GPO Box 9820
Canberra ACT 2601

Email: foi@dss.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

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.