

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Freedom of Information Act 1982*

*APPROVAL OF ARRANGEMENTS*

I, Michael Thawley, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, being the principal officer of the Department, under subsection 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), approve the following arrangements:

1. Each officer holding, or for the time being performing the duties of, a position specified below is authorised to make decisions under the Act in respect of a request made to the Department:
  - a. All positions classified as positions in the Senior Executive Service located in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. The officer holding, or for the time being performing the duties of, the position of Senior Adviser (Section Head), Access and Administrative Review Section, Legal Policy Branch is authorised to make decisions under the Act in respect of a request made to the Department, except for decisions on whether or not to grant access to documents.
3. Where an applicant requests an internal review of a decision, the review decision is to be made by a more senior officer than the officer who made the decision under review.

Dated this *sixth* day of December 2014

Michael Thawley