



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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BARTON

FOI/2013/068

Mr Steve Allen

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Dear Mr Allen

I refer to your email received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department) on 27 June 2013 in which you made a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in the following terms:

I am inquiring as to the size of various Prime Ministers personal department staff, both full time and temporary, seconded or not. I want to know in full time equivalent jobs, how many personal staff each Prime Minister has had, by year.

Notice of deemed withdrawal

The Department's letter of 5 July 2013 (copy enclosed) gave notice of the Department's intention to refuse your FOI request in accordance with subsection 24(1) of the FOI Act on the ground that processing the request 'would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations'. Accordingly, the letter provided you with an opportunity to consult the Department within 14 days with a view to narrowing the terms of the requests in such a way that might remove the practical refusal reason.

As no response was received from you within the 14-day period and you did not do one of the things mentioned in section 24AB(6) of the FOI Act within the 14-day period, I am now writing to advise that your request is taken to have been withdrawn under subsection 24AB(7) of the FOI Act.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the Department by email foi@pmc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

FOI Adviser
Legal Policy Branch
23 July 2013