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FOI Ref: 201617/47

Ben Fairless

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Dear Mr Fairless

**RE: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your application of 1 December 2016 to the ABS for an Internal Review under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) regarding the decisions made by Ms Williams, an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act, on 11 November in regards to your request for information under the FOI Act (FOI ref 201617/47).

**Internal Review of the Decision**

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act and, in compliance with section 54C of the FOI Act, am an appropriate person to review the decision made by Ms Williams.

**Findings of the Internal Review**

I have reviewed the process used to search for documents pertaining to your request, the subsequent handling of your request and the decision reached regarding the specific contents released to you.

I have decided to uphold the original decision made by Ms Williams having reviewed section 11B of the FOI Act; I find Ms Williams' decision is consistent with this section of the Act.

Further to this, I uphold Ms Williams' redactions in Section 3.1 of the Policy and Legislation Manual on the basis that they are administrative and recording keeping detail and not relevant to your request. As the personal information relating to an ABS staff member appears in this section, it too should be redacted as there is no public interest in releasing it.

**Information Commissioner Review of the Decision**

Section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for a Review by the Information Commissioner. Details of the procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at **Attachment A**.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Contact Officer, at [freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au](mailto:freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au) or on (02) 6252 7203.

Yours sincerely

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Program Manager  
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14 December 2016

### **Review by the Information Commissioner**

Section 54L of the FOI Act provides that a person may apply for a review to the Information Commissioner concerning the decision made by an agency on internal review of an original decision.

An application for a Review by the Information Commissioner must occur within 60 days from the time that the agency has provided you with its decision. The application must be made in writing (including email) and should be directed to the following address:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

GPO Box 2999

Canberra ACT 2601

Email: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

Online Form: <http://www.oaic.gov.au>

An application for review through the Information Commissioner must include contact details for the applicant and a copy of the notice of decision as given by the agency under section 26.

The Information Commissioner usually prefers applicants to seek internal review before asking for a review through their office.