



21 December 2016

**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request FA 16/11/01170  
File Number: ADF2016/70137

Mr Asher Hirsch

Sent via email: [foi+request-2703-a875da24@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-2703-a875da24@righttoknow.org.au)

**Request deemed withdrawn under s.24AB**

Dear Mr Hirsch,

I am writing to you in relation to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) on 4 November 2016 for:

*All communication between the Department and United States officials regarding the US refugee resettlement deal which was announced on 13 November 2016.*

**Purpose of this letter**

This letter is further to the 'practical refusal reason' notice that I sent you on 6 December 2016, under the 'request consultation process' required in s.24AB of the Act. The notice advised you that you were required to contact me before the end of the 'consultation period' to either:

- withdraw the request or
- revise the request or
- advise me that you do not intend to revise the request.

The notice advised you that the consultation period for the practical refusal notice ended at close of business on 20 December 2016.

I note that you did send me an email on 6 December 2016, querying whether a reduced timeframe would sufficiently reduce the size of the request. I responded on the following day, with advice that because of complexities and sensitivities in the documents, a revised timeframe would sufficiently reduce the size of your request.

As you did not take any of the actions mentioned above, your request is now 'deemed withdrawn' under the combined operation of ss.24AB(6) and (7) of the Act.

You remain welcome to resubmit your request at any time, taking into account the issues I raised in the practical refusal reason notice about the current scope of your request.

### **Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available for your reference  
from: <http://www.legislation.gov.au/Browse/ByTitle/Acts/InForce/0/0/Principal>

If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

Yours sincerely,

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