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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 4:24 pm
To: S47F(1)
Cc: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:32 AM

To: Fitzgerald, Jane; S47F(1)
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-----Original Message-----

From: enquirixx@xx.xxx.xx [mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xx.xxv.au]
Sent: Monday, 17 September 2012 11:08 PM
To: COBswitch
Subject: COB Enquiry Response

This feedback was received via the enquiry form on the Classification website.

Do you require a response?:

Title:

Mr

Name:

Brendan Molloy

Email Address:

brendan.mollxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Postal Address:

PO Box Q1715

Suburb:

Queen Victoria Building

State:

New South Wales

Postcode:

1230

In what capacity are you making this enquiry?:

Other

Other:

Secretary of Pirate Party Australia

Category of enquiry:

Other

What would you like to tell us?:

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My mobile number is 0449 617 246 if you have any questions regarding my application. I would also appreciate any correspondence would be send via email and not snail mail.

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Regards,

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To: S47F(1)
Cc: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks S47F(1),

I agree the point in time issue is the key consideration – If we provide this data in a download then he will want a periodic download.

I am confident given the timing that Mr Molloy is using this FOI request as a lever to get the changes he asked for in previous complaint ie that the old database is re-instated so the software is compatible with his own “scraper” software, or that an API or some form of bulk download is made available.

Can you give a rough estimate of much a regular data dump would cost?

I have also discussed this issue with FOI contact and advised him that this data is already publicly available from the Classification website – so the issue is not access to the information but the form in which the information is available.

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Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 10:52 am
To: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: FOI Request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks S47F(1) – I will pass this on to FOI and wait to hear back from them on whether believe it needs to proceed. Until then I wouldn't schedule anything.

Just a reminder I will need to quote this figure to FOI .

Regards S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 10:18 AM
To: S47F(1)
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Hi S47F(1)

So sorry, have been a bit busy with all the new projects coming-on over the last few days.

We've estimated that there are two days effort to develop a scheduled job that runs in the background, plus an additional day of testing and verification.

The estimated dollar total for this work (at an EL 1 equivalent rate) ~\$150 p/hour makes \$3600.00. If you'd like to proceed, we'd need to schedule this development work to fit-in with our current workloads.

Once we have set-up the scheduled task, we'll still need to discuss with you how (administratively) the data would be downloaded and transferred to the requesting user(s) – this may be via a DVD, email etc.

Hope this helps and happy to discuss further.

Regards
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From: S47F(1) [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 9:45 am
To: S47F(1) [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1) [redacted]

Any news on that costing for the database download?

S47F(1) [redacted]

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 1 November 2012 4:50 pm
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party) - Classification Database and RC classified documents [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sent: Wednesday, 21 November 2012 3:49 pm
To: S47F(1)
Cc: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: NCD Download for FOI Application. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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S47F(1)

We have sent off the NCD download to FOI.

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Many thanks for your help with this.

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 19 November 2012 11:30 AM
To: S47F(1)
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By 'columns' he is more likely to mean 'fields' – as opposed to Excel-type columns.

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I've confirmed with S47F(1) that the records go back to the 70's and there are about 120K records. It's a huge file (300+ MB).

Because it's XML as he requested, it's not really very human-friendly. The best thing to open the file with is Notepad, although it would still look quite untidy and take ages to load. The guys would have to create a script to put into a view that is easily readable by a person, but this would take time.

But it currently meets the guys requirements ('machine-readable').

From: S47F(1)
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Hi S47F(1)

Thanks - if that is XML – OK

What about the columns aspect he mentioned – can he sort it himself into columns?

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Hi S47F(1)

I'll chase-up the file and ensure it's from 1971 to-date.

But as for the format, it's XML, as requested. I can ask the guys how your area can view it, but I think it's the format that 'the guy' wanted.

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From: S47F(1)
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Hi S47F(1) [redacted]

The download is meant to be the entire NCD from what I can see there are only 20 odd files listed.

Also the format – none of the data is in columns or the Excel spread sheet requested.

Can we discuss please – we know have an urgent deadline for this.

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From: S47F(1) [redacted]
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Subject: RE: NCD Download for FOI Application. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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There is a ncd-export-OneOff.xml file in G:\BOSS\NCD-FOI (COB G drive)

It is roughly 380MB in xml format and should only contain records visible on NCD.

Let me know if something needs to be changed.

Cheers,

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Hi S47

COB have now asked for the NCD data by early next week, preferably on a thumb drive. I assume this a high priority issue for all concerned, so please let me know (ASAP) if you think this timeframe can't be achieved.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2012 3:46 PM

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The applicants specifications are:

"A machine-parseable dump (SQL, XML, etc) of the entire Classification database dated back as early as February 8, 1971, including at least the following columns:

1. title
2. classification (rating)
3. consumer advice
4. category
5. medium
6. version
7. duration
8. date of classification
9. author
10. publisher
11. production company
12. country of origin
13. applicant

- 14. file number
- 15. classification number”

As discussed if downloading this into an Excel spreadsheet is consistent with the above then please download it into this format.

Can you advise when this will be programmed?

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