

S47F(1)

From: Fitzgerald, Jane
Sent: Wednesday, 24 October 2012 8:10 AM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Classification database of classification.gov.au [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks for this S47F(1)

Let me know when we have the answers alluded to in this:

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And

Can I have a copy of the current request (as amended if it has been since this correspondence between yourself and S47F(1))

Ta

-----Original Message-----

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 23 October 2012 11:52 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Jane
Cc: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: Classification database of classification.gov.au [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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I have copied the response below from one of S47F(1)'s email responses - unless my reading is incorrect it indicates that we have to provide the information even if it is publicly available from a website.

"Hi S47F(1)

Thanks very much for your detailed response. The Summary of FOI exemptions is attached. Please also see the link to the FOI Act to examine particular sections. Some of them can be quite useful in having material exempted which does not obviously fit within a specified exemption eg. s47E(d) - adverse effect on the operations of an agency which is not in the public interest to disclose.

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Request Part (a)

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empowers refusal to provide documents to which access is otherwise subject to a fee or charge ie if they want it, they have to pay for it through the other agencies or channels.

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Wait to hear re (a).

Cheers

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From: Fitzgerald, Jane

Sent: Tuesday, 23 October 2012 11:41 AM

To: S47F(1)

Cc:

Subject: RE: Classification database of classification.gov.au [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hiya, ta - I've got all of this.

It's really just the suggestion from FOI that we have an obligation to provide already publicly available information in a different format, at our cost, that I would challenge (which is my understanding of what you said S47F(1) was saying). My understanding is that if it's publicly available then any FOI application can be dispensed with on that basis. The Act is not about us providing info in a particular form it's about providing info - full stop? Thus, my bemusement is about what can't we say: "all the info you want is on the database. Search it at your leisure but we are not providing the same data in a different format."

As I said, if it is in fact different data that is being requested, that is a quite different story...

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 23 October 2012 11:35 AM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Classification database of classification.gov.au [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Jane,

It was referred to me by S47F(1). I have attached the response sent to MR Molloy.

We responded directly to Mr Molloy on 9 or 10 October.

The delay in responding was due to Mr Molloy submitting an FOI request and we need to ensure nothing we said conflicted with the response on the FOI request.

As discussed I will send through the email on the FOI request.

The Pirate Party is an unregistered Australian political party - see the links below for any background:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pirate_Party

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pirate_Party_Australia

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fitzgerald, Jane
Sent: Monday, 22 October 2012 4:25 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: FW: Classification database of classification.gov.au [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi all, first interesting email I've come across - did this find it's way to any of you? Any action?

-----Original Message-----

From: Brendan Molloy [mailto:brendan.molloy@pirateparty.org.au]
Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2012 12:42 PM
To: Fitzgerald, Jane
Subject: Classification database of classification.gov.au

Dear Ms Fitzgerald,

I am a software developer who created a piece of software called 'clasrip'[1], which allows one to scrape[2] a copy of the classification database found at classification.gov.au as allowed by the CC-BY 3.0 AU license of the website[3].

To my knowledge there is currently no public method for downloading the entire classification database, and a scraper is the only reasonable method of creating a local copy of the database for the purposes of conducting analysis on Australia's classification system.

I was surprised to find that the mechanism for searching classifications on the classification government website has changed since first writing that code, and has rendered the software I wrote to retrieve classification information inoperative. As there is no method to access the classification database directly, I believe that I now need to update my software to obtain the classification system data.

When working with the new search system, the following issues make it very difficult to write a new scraper:

- 1) There is no way to search by date range -- I can no longer query for all records between a set of dates in chronological order in order to chronologically scrape the data;
- 2) An absolute reliance on JavaScript for even being able to change pages in a search query -- this makes it rather difficult to flip a variable to get the next page of data.

Considering the difficulties imposed by the new search system, I would like to request alternative access to the data in one or more of the following methods, in order of preference:

- 1) A public API (JSON, XML, etc) for searching the Classification database for rich web applications;
- 2) A facility to download a snapshot of the database from the classification.gov.au or data.gov.au websites;
- 3) The option to search by date range, all ratings and a blank query string; or
- 4) Temporarily re-enable the previous search system on its original URL until these issues are solved -- this can be done in parallel with the new search system.

The original search URL was:

<http://www.classification.gov.au/www/cob/find.nsf/classifications?search>

I would also recommend adding information to the 'About the classification database'[4] page on how one may access this database, as the copyright page[3] does state the following: "The Attorney-General's Department (this Department) encourages the dissemination and exchange of information provided on this website."

Please help me achieve my goals of openness, dissemination and availability of the information in the spirit of the Declaration of Open Governance[5] and similar standards bodies such as the PEGI (Pan European Game Information)[6] which provide a copy of their database upon request.

I look forward to your response, and hope my requests are taken in earnest.

PS. upon use of the new search method, I cannot find any classification results for classifications in the 70s, such as the "Eureka Stockade"
(Classification number: 00600E1B60).

[1] <https://github.com/bbqsrc/clasrip>

[2] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_scraping

[3] <http://www.classification.gov.au/Usingthissite/Pages/Copyright.aspx>

[4]

<http://www.classification.gov.au/Usingclassification/Findaclassification/Pages/Abouttheclassificationdatabase.aspx>

[5] <http://agimo.govspace.gov.au/2010/07/16/declaration-of-open-government/>

[6] <http://www.pegi.info/en/index/>

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Regards,

Brendan Molloy
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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 24 October 2012 10:42 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Jane
Cc: S47F(1)
Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Jane,

In the email you sent me on the Classification email you asked for the original FOI request and any modified request.

Part A – re the database remains unmodified. Only Part B has been modified due to the extend of work required and the unnecessary diversion of resources.

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I have highlighted them in yellow below where they occur in the email trail.

I have received advice from S47F(1) in a separate email that the consultation phase has been extended to next Monday.

My response below to S47F(1) in FOI. Not yet sent

“Hi S47F(1)

I have copied the sections in the earlier email and my answers are in black.

Re Part A of the Request – Download of the Database

FOI Query

1. Would this downloaded material be produced on CD's or a portable hard-drive?

Most likely a portable hard drive.

2. Why would it be necessary for a contractor to do it? (We would need such information before considering whether an unreasonable diversion of resources argument would be appropriate)

I have confirmed with David Grant in Information Division that the work on the download of the database would need to be done by one of the contractors at the estimated price quoted earlier.

3. Does the database contain information about all points listed above 1-15? If not, it would be handy if you could identify which points are not covered. I could then invite the applicant to accept only that material which is readily available.

The database goes back to 1971 and has – as of last Friday 209,909 recorded decisions. Decisions prior to the current legislation which commenced in 1995. As such the terminology etc may change – I cannot confirm that all entries have data for each of the fields marked below. The consumer advice was a concept that came into effect in 1989 and as such will not be available prior to that time. Also I understand that consumer advice is optional for any film or computer game that is classified G for General Exhibition. Also the database contains classification decisions for Publications, Film and Computer Games. Only publications which are considered submittable under the act are classified and there is no consumer advice is not a requirement.

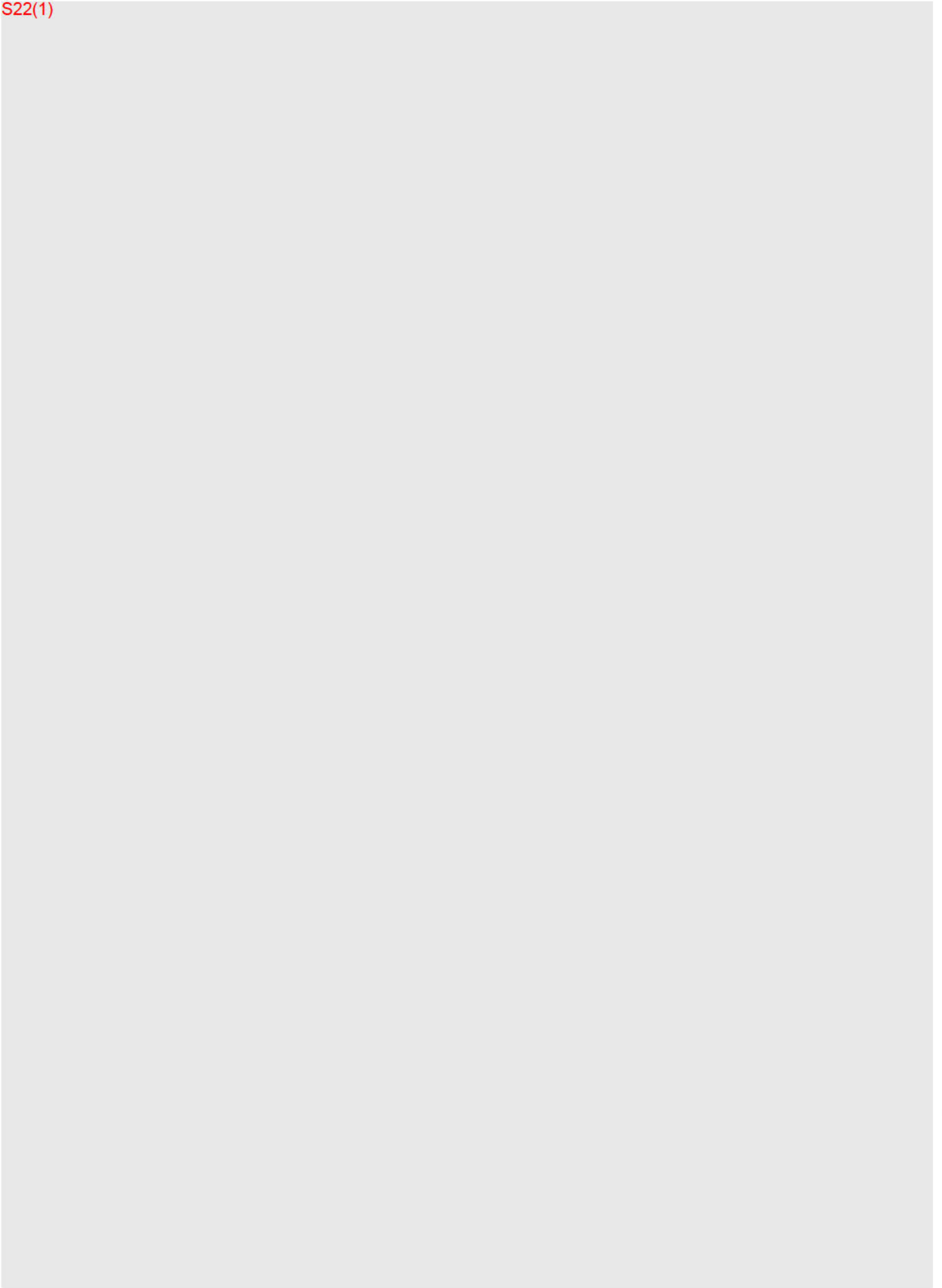
In regard to some RC decisions relating to police material details of publisher, author may also be missing.

1. title **yes**
2. classification (rating) **yes**
3. consumer advice **yes – where it exists see above**
4. category **yes**
5. medium **no – but will be listed on the new version of the site – I assume he refers to the media the application was submitted in/shows up next to the title i.e. DVD; Multi-platform, etc**
6. version **yes**
7. duration **yes**
8. date of classification **yes**
9. author **yes aka director – there are diff headings now**
10. publisher **yes aka producer – there are diff headings now**
11. production company **yes**
12. country of origin **yes**
13. applicant **yes**
14. file number **yes**
15. classification number **yes**

4. Re the Board Reports - would it be easier to get the scope revised just to include them? Would this save the effort of excising them as being outside the scope of the request as phrased?

Apologies – I misinterpreted some information given to me earlier. There are no Board reports attached to entries in the database. This is a non issue.

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S47F(1)

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 15 October 2012 3:19 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Re below, we think the 'exempt content-service documents' exemption relates to the pornographic/prohibited material and url references themselves, which are exempt from production. This compares with documents relating to the RC classification of the material, which, in our view, are not exempt from production to the extent that they refer to the material but don't disclose it (such as ATSA classification reports and Classification Board determinations). However, if these reports or determinations do disclose prohibited material eg a url to a prohibited website, then we would redact that reference only under section 7/Schedule 2 Part II Division 1, but not the whole report.

On that basis, please give me your further thoughts re parts A and B of the request and how it could be framed into a manageable project so it doesn't constitute an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Regards

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 4:09 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

- I will need to contact Information Division re your question on who can do the download.

In my earlier email I mentioned the exemptions below:

Part II—Agencies exempt in respect of particular documents

Division 1

...
Classification Board, in relation to:

- (a) exempt content-service documents concerning the performance of a function, or the exercise of a power, under Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*; and
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This impacts significantly on the numbers of documents affected. Your response below doesn't address this exemption.

I will come back to you on the other questions as well.

Regards S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 12:07 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Thanks for your email. To save us trawling through the email chain, I thought a re-cap and this format would help:

REQUEST PART A

Scope

(a) 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*

Classification Branch Advice

- Cost of preparation, testing and download of data fields in the National Classification database – 2 days of contractor's time – approximately \$3,600
- Board reports stored on the system would have to be redacted / excised from the dump because they are outside the current scope of the request

FOI Query

5. Would this downloaded material be produced on CD's or a portable hard-drive?
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FOI Reply to CB Queries

- Section 4(d) of the FOI Act has always been regarded as referring to such material as reference books in a library (as per Office of Australian Information Commissioner Guidelines). We don't think it applies to the type of material requested on this occasion.

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FOI REPLIES TO YOUR FINAL QUERIES

- **Costs:** The FOI Act specifies that the only costs that can be charged to an applicant are \$15 per hour for search and retrieval and \$20 per hour for processing, with the first 5 hours being free. The Department has to absorb all other costs.
- **Redactions:** The FOI Section makes the appropriate redactions and decisions relating to them - after first obtaining line area views concerning harm or damage which would flow from disclosure of the material and taking those views into account.
- **Board decisions:** We would have to see the material first and make a decision on a case-by-case basis, noting the two exemption thresholds re personal information referred to above.

Hope this covers everything. On receipt of your further advices, I will go back to the applicant about it.

Regards

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From: S47F(1)

Sent: Monday, 8 October 2012 5:30 PM

To: S47F(1)

Cc:

Subject: TRIM: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Please ignore my email from last Friday and refer to this email instead.

S47F(1) of this Office has identified possible exemptions under the FOI Act that would significantly reduce the number of records for part of this FOI request and may also impact on the download of the database.

I would appreciate your advice on the application of these provisions.

Does the definition of a document under Section 4 of the FOI Act exclude the contents on the database that it publicly available?

A significant proportion of the Refused Classification decisions are applications for the classification of offensive service (internet) content by ACMA under the *Broadcasting Services Act*.

It appears that ACMA classification documents are exempt if it is 'offensive content service content'. See below.

Sec 4 FOI ACT:

document includes:

...

but does not include:

- (d) material maintained for reference purposes that is otherwise publicly available; or

...

exempt content-service document means:

- (a) a document containing content, or a record of content (within the meaning of Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*), that:
 - (i) has been delivered by, or accessed using, a content service (within the meaning of that Schedule); and
 - (ii) was offensive content-service content when it was delivered by, or accessed using, that content service; or
- (b) a document that sets out how to access, or that is likely to facilitate access to, offensive content-service content (for example, by setting out the name of a website, an IP address, a URL or a password).

exempt internet-content document means:

- (a) a document containing information (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that:
 - (i) has been copied from the internet; and
 - (ii) was offensive internet content when it was accessible on the internet; or
- (b) a document that sets out how to access, or that is likely to facilitate access to, offensive internet content (for example: by setting out the name of a website, an IP address, a URL, a password, or the name of a newsgroup).

...

offensive content-service content means content (within the meaning of Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that is:

- (a) delivered by, or accessed using, a content service (within the meaning of that Schedule); and
- (b) either:
 - (i) prohibited content (within the meaning of that Schedule); or
 - (ii) potential prohibited content (within the meaning of that Schedule).

offensive internet content means internet content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that is:

- (a) prohibited content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to that Act as in force before the commencement of Schedule 7 to that Act); or

- (b) potential prohibited content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to that Act as in force before the commencement of Schedule 7 to that Act).

7 Exemption of certain persons and bodies

...
(2) The persons, bodies and Departments specified in Part II of Schedule 2 are exempt from the operation of this Act in relation to the documents referred to in that Schedule in relation to them.

Schedule 2

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12 Part not to apply to certain documents

(1) A person is not entitled to obtain access under this Part to:

- ...
(b) a document that is open to public access, as part of a public register or otherwise, in accordance with another enactment, where that access is subject to a fee or other charge; or

Re part (a) of the Request.

S47F(1) in Information Division has advised that preparation, testing and download of data will take approximately 2 days of a contractor's time and will cost approximately \$3,600.

The project will also need to be scheduled.

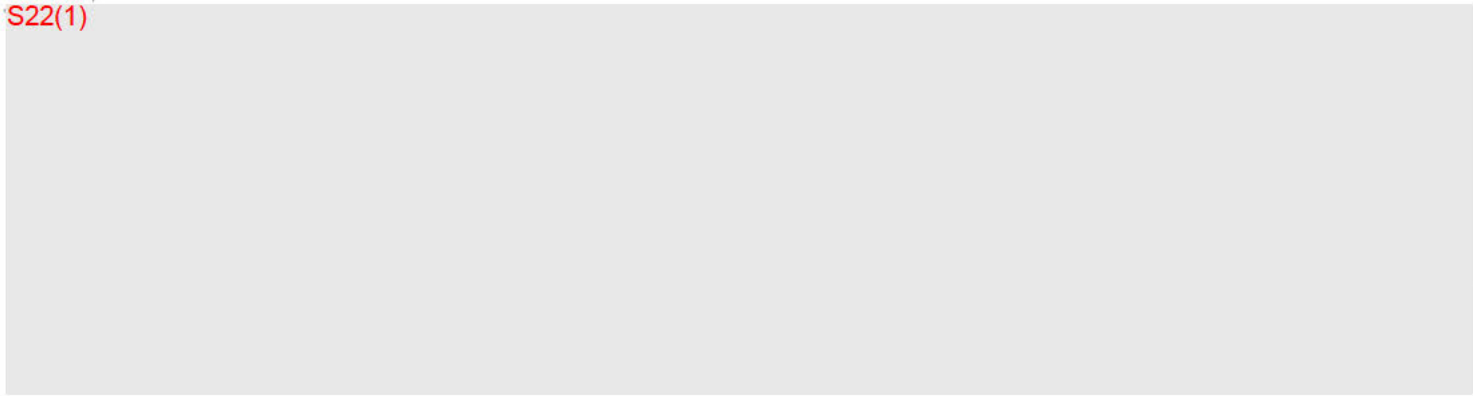
This request will not apply to an automatic dump of any Board reports stored on the system as they will need to be redacted. It will only apply to the data fields in the National Classification database as requested in Mr Molloy's FOI application.

Possible Exemption – does the definition of a document under Sec 4 of the FOI Act remove the need for downloading the database?

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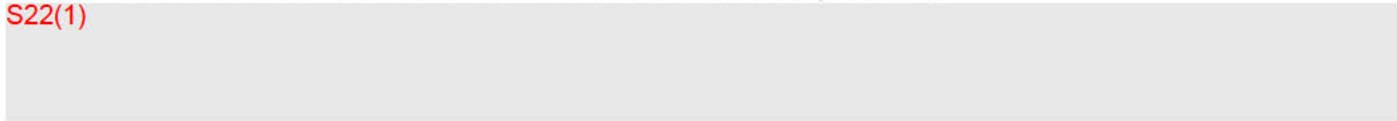
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Can you advise on the following questions.

1. Whose responsibility is the payment of any costs – is this the line area's responsibility?
2. Who carries out the redaction – is this also the line area's responsibility?

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Regards S47F(1)



From: S47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 4:11 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)



Re Part (b) of the request, upon notifying the applicant of an unreasonable diversion, he has now amended the scope of Part (b) to read:

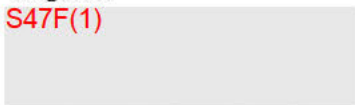
- Documentation relating to the determination of an RC rating for content from 28 September 2010 to 28 September 2012; and

- Any existing digital documentation relating to the determination of an RC rating for content from 1971 to 28 September 2012.

Please let me know in due course if this part of the request has now been rendered manageable. If so, please take appropriate steps to locate the paper files and download the digital stuff.

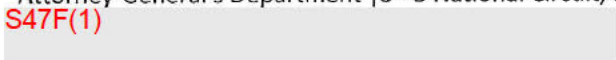
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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 2:51 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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No problem Stephen. If you need to discuss this matter with anyone while I am away, please contact my Director,
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Cheers
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Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 2:39 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: TRIM: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks for the information – I am chasing down what the cost of organising the download is from Information Division. – I am unlikely to get this back this afternoon.

I have had a quick look at the exemptions and will need to discuss with my Branch Head .

Regards

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 11:57 AM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
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Specific responses to the FOI enquiry by Mr Molloy of the Pirate Party – please let me know if you need any additional information.

Predating his FOI request, Mr Molloy has lodged a separate complaint saying that his personally developed software for “scraping” the latest classification decisions from National Classification Database no longer works, and that this is due to the new software platform for the website and search engine.

He has separately requested that the old website and database software be re-instated to enable his software to work or to provide alternative options for the download of the data. We are currently responding to Mr Molloy’s complaint.

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10. publisher
11. production company
12. country of origin
13. applicant
14. file number
15. classification number

Public users are able to search the database using the search engine on the Classification website. The current website was converted to a new software platform in March 2012 which included a new search engine.

All of this information is publicly available from the Classification Website. The exception is that they are currently unable to search by a specific date range or view the medium ie magazine, DVD etc. In the search result. This is being rectified in the current upgrade of the Classification website which is on track for completion at the end of October 2012.

Information Division has advised that it is possible to produce a download or dump of the information at a point in time. However, the Classification Board made 6,682 classification decisions in 2011-12 and will likely make a similar number this financial year. Any static download of data would be immediately out of date and periodic download of data would be required to keep Mr Molloy's database up to date.

This would require diversion of resources on an ongoing basis to provide information that is already publicly available.

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Resources Required to Provide the information In the FOI Request.

Part (a) – the information requested is available 24 hours per day from the publicly accessible National Classification Data Base via the Classification Website. This information is updated daily. We currently do not provide this data in the digital format that Mr Molloy has asked for. I am awaiting a cost estimate from Information Division on this item.

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:40 AM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Here is the FOI request. Are you able to take it on?

Kind regards

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:33 AM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Here's the FOI request. Do you want to allocate to ^{S47F(1)} [redacted] ?

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S47F(1) [redacted]

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Attorney-General's Department

S47F(1) [redacted]

From: S47F(1) [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:32 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Jane; S47F(1) [redacted]
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Jane, ^{S47F(1)} [redacted]

The FOI request below has been assigned to me for processing. Please note the request is in two parts.

- Do we have any documents within scope of the request?
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- If there are documents of manageable volume, please let me know to obtain copies.
- If you need to copy documents to give to me, please do so one-sided with no staples, as we scan everything to enable our redaction program to operate.

I will be on leave for all of next week, so it would be helpful, if possible, I could have your answer by cob Friday 28 September 2012.

Thanks and regards

S47F(1) [redacted]

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S47F(1) [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: enquiries@ag.gov.au [mailto:enquiries@ag.gov.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.molloy@pirateparty.org.au

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?:

The Director

Classification Board

Locked Bag 3

HAYMARKET NSW 1240

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby request, under the Freedom of Information Act (1982) copies of the following documents, available as of the date of this letter:

(a) 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

(b) All documents relating to the determination of an RC rating for all known RC classified content.

I also make the application that all costs for the processing of this request be waived on the grounds that the release of this information is in the public interest, will enhance the transparency of the process and the public debate surrounding classification of content in Australia. I intend to make use of this data through my censorwatch.me project, which intends to allow researchers and others to compare classification data with classification systems internationally such as the PEGI system, with a public API for applications to access.

Any documents attained under this request will be made available on the website www.pirateparty.org.au and be made available to journalists.

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,

Brendan Molloy
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Sent: Friday, 26 October 2012 8:37 AM
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Cc: Fitzgerald, Jane
Subject: RE: TRIM: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 25 October 2012 5:05 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: RE: TRIM: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Thanks for that. S22(1)
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Regards
S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 25 October 2012 3:06 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc: Jane Fitzgerald (classification); S47F(1)
Subject: TRIM: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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I have discussed the following response through with my Branch Head Jane Fitzgerald.

I have copied the sections in the earlier email and my answers are in black.

Re Part A of the Request – Download of the Database

FOI Query

1. Would this downloaded material be produced on CD's or a portable hard-drive?

Most likely a portable hard drive.

2. Why would it be necessary for a contractor to do it? (We would need such information before considering whether an unreasonable diversion of resources argument would be appropriate)

I have confirmed with David Grant in Information Division that the work on the download of the database would need to be done by one of the contractors at the estimated price quoted earlier.

3. Does the database contain information about all points listed above 1-15? If not, it would be handy if you could identify which points are not covered. I could then invite the applicant to accept only that material which is readily available.

The database goes back to 1971 and has – as of last Friday 209,909 recorded decisions. Decisions prior to the current legislation which commenced in 1995. As such the terminology etc may change – I cannot confirm that all entries have data for each of the fields marked below. The consumer advice was a concept that came into effect in 1989 and as such will not be available prior to that time. Also I understand that consumer advice is optional for any film or computer game that is classified G for General Exhibition. Also the database contains classification decisions for Publications, Film and Computer Games. Only publications which are considered submittable under the act are classified and there is no consumer advice is not a requirement.

In regard to some RC decisions relating to police material details of publisher, author may also be missing.

1. title **yes**
2. classification (rating) **yes**
3. consumer advice **yes – where it exists see above**
4. category **yes**
5. medium **no – but will be listed on the new version of the site – I assume he refers to the media the application was submitted in/shows up next to the title i.e. DVD; Multi-platform, etc**
6. version **yes**
7. duration **yes**
8. date of classification **yes**
9. author **yes aka director – there are diff headings now**
10. publisher **yes aka producer – there are diff headings now**
11. production company **yes**
12. country of origin **yes**
13. applicant **yes**
14. file number **yes**
15. classification number **yes**

4. Re the Board Reports - would it be easier to get the scope revised just to include them? Would this save the effort of excising them as being outside the scope of the request as phrased?

Apologies – I misinterpreted some information given to me earlier. There are no Board reports attached to entries in the database. This is a non issue.

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 15 October 2012 3:19 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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S47F
Hi (1)

Re below, we think the 'exempt content-service documents' exemption relates to the pornographic/prohibited material and url references themselves, which are exempt from production. S22(1)

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On that basis, please give me your further thoughts re parts A and B of the request and how it could be framed into a manageable project so it doesn't constitute an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Regards

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 4:09 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

- I will need to contact Information Division re your question on who can do the download.

In my earlier email I mentioned the exemptions below:

Part II—Agencies exempt in respect of particular documents

Division 1

...
Classification Board, in relation to:

- (a) exempt content-service documents concerning the performance of a function, or the exercise of a power, under Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*; and
- (b) exempt internet-content documents concerning the performance of a function, or the exercise of a power, under Schedule 5 to that Act.

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This impacts significantly on the numbers of documents affected. Your response below doesn't address this exemption.

I will come back to you on the other questions as well.

Regards S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 12:07 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Thanks for your email. To save us trawling through the email chain, I thought a re-cap and this format would help:

REQUEST PART A

Scope

(a) 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*

Classification Branch Advice

- Cost of preparation, testing and download of data fields in the National Classification database – 2 days of contractor's time – approximately \$3,600
- Board reports stored on the system would have to be redacted / excised from the dump because they are outside the current scope of the request

FOI Query

5. Would this downloaded material be produced on CD's or a portable hard-drive?
6. Why would it be necessary for a contractor to do it? (We would need such information before considering whether an unreasonable diversion of resources argument would be appropriate)
7. Does the database contain information about all points listed above 1-15? If not, it would be handy if you could identify which points are not covered. I could then invite the applicant to accept only that material which is readily available.
8. Re the Board Reports - would it be easier to get the scope revised just to include them? Would this save the effort of excising them as being outside the scope of the request as phrased?

FOI Reply to CB Queries

- Section 4(d) of the FOI Act has always been regarded as referring to such material as reference books in a library (as per Office of Australian Information Commissioner Guidelines). We don't think it applies to the type of material requested on this occasion.

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FOI REPLIES TO YOUR FINAL QUERIES

- **Costs:** The FOI Act specifies that the only costs that can be charged to an applicant are \$15 per hour for search and retrieval and \$20 per hour for processing, with the first 5 hours being free. The Department has to absorb all other costs.
- **Redactions:** The FOI Section makes the appropriate redactions and decisions relating to them - after first obtaining line area views concerning harm or damage which would flow from disclosure of the material and taking those views into account.
- **Board decisions:** We would have to see the material first and make a decision on a case-by-case basis, noting the two exemption thresholds re personal information referred to above.

Hope this covers everything. On receipt of your further advices, I will go back to the applicant about it.

Regards

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

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S47F(1)

Please ignore my email from last Friday and refer to this email instead.

S47F(1) of this Office has identified possible exemptions under the FOI Act that would significantly reduce the number of records for part of this FOI request and may also impact on the download of the database. I would appreciate your advice on the application of these provisions.

Does the definition of a document under Section 4 of the FOI Act exclude the contents on the database that it publicly available?

A significant proportion of the Refused Classification decisions are applications for the classification of offensive service (internet) content by ACMA under the *Broadcasting Services Act*.

It appears that ACMA classification documents are exempt if it is 'offensive content service content'. See below.

Sec 4 FOI ACT:

document includes:

...

but does not include:

- (d) material maintained for reference purposes that is otherwise publicly available; or

...

exempt content-service document means:

- (a) a document containing content, or a record of content (within the meaning of Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*), that:
 - (i) has been delivered by, or accessed using, a content service (within the meaning of that Schedule); and
 - (ii) was offensive content-service content when it was delivered by, or accessed using, that content service; or
- (b) a document that sets out how to access, or that is likely to facilitate access to, offensive content-service content (for example, by setting out the name of a website, an IP address, a URL or a password).

exempt internet-content document means:

- (a) a document containing information (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that:
 - (i) has been copied from the internet; and
 - (ii) was offensive internet content when it was accessible on the internet; or
- (b) a document that sets out how to access, or that is likely to facilitate access to, offensive internet content (for example: by setting out the name of a website, an IP address, a URL, a password, or the name of a newsgroup).

...

offensive content-service content means content (within the meaning of Schedule 7 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that is:

- (a) delivered by, or accessed using, a content service (within the meaning of that Schedule); and
- (b) either:
 - (i) prohibited content (within the meaning of that Schedule); or
 - (ii) potential prohibited content (within the meaning of that Schedule).

offensive internet content means internet content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*) that is:

- (a) prohibited content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to that Act as in force before the commencement of Schedule 7 to that Act); or
- (b) potential prohibited content (within the meaning of Schedule 5 to that Act as in force before the commencement of Schedule 7 to that Act).

7 Exemption of certain persons and bodies

...
(2) The persons, bodies and Departments specified in Part II of Schedule 2 are exempt from the operation of this Act in relation to the documents referred to in that Schedule in relation to them.

Schedule 2

Part II—Agencies exempt in respect of particular documents

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12 Part not to apply to certain documents

(1) A person is not entitled to obtain access under this Part to:

- ...
(b) a document that is open to public access, as part of a public register or otherwise, in accordance with another enactment, where that access is subject to a fee or other charge; or

Re part (a) of the Request.

S47F(1) in Information Division has advised that preparation, testing and download of data will take approximately 2 days of a contractor's time and will cost approximately \$3,600.

The project will also need to be scheduled.

This request will not apply to an automatic dump of any Board reports stored on the system as they will need to be redacted. It will only apply to the data fields in the National Classification database as requested in Mr Molloy's FOI application.

Possible Exemption – does the definition of a document under Sec 4 of the FOI Act remove the need for downloading the database?

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Can you advise on the following questions.

1. Whose responsibility is the payment of any costs – is this the line area's responsibility?
2. Who carries out the redaction – is this also the line area's responsibility?

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Regards S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 4:11 PM

To: S47F(1)

Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Re Part (b) of the request, upon notifying the applicant of an unreasonable diversion, he has now amended the scope of Part (b) to read:

- Documentation relating to the determination of an RC rating for content from 28 September 2010 to 28 September 2012; and

- Any existing digital documentation relating to the determination of an RC rating for content from 1971 to 28 September 2012.

Please let me know in due course if this part of the request has now been rendered manageable. If so, please take appropriate steps to locate the paper files and download the digital stuff.

Regards

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S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 2:51 PM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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No problem S47F(1). If you need to discuss this matter with anyone while I am away, please contact my Director,
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Cheers
S47F(1)

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S47F(1)

From: S47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 2:39 PM
To: S47F(1)
Cc:
Subject: TRIM: RE: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks for the information – I am chasing down what the cost of organising the download is from Information Division. – I am unlikely to get this back this afternoon.

I have had a quick look at the exemptions and will need to discuss with my Branch Head .

Regards

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

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Hi S47F(1)

Thanks very much for your detailed response. The Summary of FOI exemptions is attached. Please also see the link to the FOI Act to examine particular sections. Some of them can be quite useful in having material exempted which does not obviously fit within a specified exemption eg. s47E(d) - *adverse effect on the operations of an agency which is not in the public interest to disclose*.

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/foia1982222/

Request Part (a)

The Act doesn't allow us to refuse to provide copies of public documents which are available at no cost from a public website (unless there is an unreasonable diversion of resources to do so). Compare section 12(1)(b) which empowers refusal to provide documents to which access is otherwise subject to a fee or charge ie if they want it, they have to pay for it through the other agencies or channels.

Whilst I agree that any static download of information would be instantly out-dated by virtue of the frequency of change to the database and the better course would be to use the Classification website search engine, again, we cannot refuse to process the request on this ground. We just have to provide the information sought, irrespective of its usefulness or otherwise.

I note this information is about 5-6 gigabytes in volume, which would require download to a hard-drive and you are waiting on time and costing estimates to achieve this. Once we know these answers, we can re-visit the 'unreasonable diversion' scenario, if necessary. If it is readily achievable, please note that the relevant end-date for the download is the date of the FOI request – 17 September 2012.

I might also add that sections 89K, L, M and N of the Act allows for applicants, on application by an agency to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), to be declared a 'vexatious applicant' by the OAIC, in which case the agency can just refuse to process future requests. I raise this with respect to your concerns that the applicant may seek to get around his problem with out-dated information by making frequent FOI requests for updates. Obviously time and cost to the agency to process these requests would be a factor, but there is a Federal Court case *Ford v Child Support Registrar*, which says applications of a repetitive nature and apparently made with the intention of annoying or harassing agency staff could be classified as vexatious. I am also sure that it would be of great relevance to the OAIC that the information is publicly available any way! I just mention this to keep in the back pocket, should it come to that.

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Wait to hear re (a).

Cheers

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From: S47F(1)

Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 11:57 AM

To: S47F(1)

Cc:

Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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S47F(1)

Specific responses to the FOI enquiry by Mr Molloy of the Pirate Party – please let me know if you need any additional information.

Predating his FOI request, Mr Molloy has lodged a separate complaint saying that his personally developed software for “scraping” the latest classification decisions from National Classification Database no longer works, and that this is due to the new software platform for the website and search engine.

He has separately requested that the old website and database software be re-instated to enable his software to work or to provide alternative options for the download of the data. We are currently responding to Mr Molloy’s complaint.

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Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi S47F(1)

Here is the FOI request. Are you able to take it on?

Kind regards

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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:33 AM
To: S47F(1)
Subject: FW: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Here's the FOI request. Do you want to allocate to ^{S47F(1)} [redacted]?

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[redacted]

Manager, Education and Communication
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S47F(1)
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From: S47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:32 AM
To: Fitzgerald, Jane; S47F(1)
Subject: FOI Request - Molloy (Pirate Party of Australia) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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- If you need to copy documents to give to me, please do so one-sided with no staples, as we scan everything to enable our redaction program to operate.

I will be on leave for all of next week, so it would be helpful, if possible, I could have your answer by cob Friday 28 September 2012.

Thanks and regards

S47F(1)
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