



7 February 2017

Our reference: LEX 25069

Mr Luke Bacon

By email: foi+request-2921-a35b17e1@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Bacon

Freedom of Information Request - Third Party Consultation

I refer to your request dated 8 January 2017 and received by the Department of Human Services (the **department**) on the same date, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) stating and requesting the following documents:

"The Department runs a "data matching" process called the Non Employment Income Data Matching (NEIDM) project

Could you please send through:

1. the latest document that lists the software used to run this project; 2. the latest document that identifies the group(s) responsible for managing this project, maintaining the software that runs it, and ongoing development of that software; and, 3. the latest version of the source code for the software that performs the data matching..."

Third-party consultation - business documents

As your request covers documents which contain information concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation, or a person's business or professional affairs, the department is required to consult with the person or organisation concerned (under section 27 of the FOI Act) before making a decision on the release of those documents.

For this reason the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow the department time to consult with that person or organisation (section 15(6) of the FOI Act). The processing period for your request will now end on 9 March 2017.

The consultation mechanism under section 27 applies when the department considers the person or organisation concerned may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs. The department will take into account any comments we receive from the person or organisation. However, the final decision on whether to grant you access to the documents requested rests with this department.

Further assistance

If you have any questions please email FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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