



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health**

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James Smith

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Dear Mr Smith,

**FOI REQUEST: EXTENSION OF TIME FRAME  
DUE TO THIRD PARTY CONSULTATION**

I refer to your request of 16 February 2017 to the Department of Health (Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

*"I request the document(s) which describe the data provided to the external organisation(s) responsible for conducting the ballot(s) for all Enterprise Agreements put to staff for a vote.*

*The scope of this request is limited only to those ballots undertaken for enterprise agreements which were proposed to take effect after 30 June 2014.*

*The document shall describe the data given to the ballot agent. For example, employee name, employee identification number, employee email address, etc. I exclude the data for specific employees here; I am only after the 'meta-data'."*

It appears to me, from the documents to which you seek access that a business may reasonably wish to make a contention concerning possible exemption of some of the documents. I have, accordingly, determined that the requirements of section 27 make it appropriate to extend the time frame for dealing with your request.

I am writing to inform you, for the purposes of subsection 15(6) of the FOI Act, that the 30 day period for providing you with a decision has been extended by a further 30 days.

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in this letter, can be accessed from the Federal Register of Legislation website: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C01042>

If you have any queries throughout the process, you may wish to contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666 or via email at [FOI@health.gov.au](mailto:FOI@health.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Director

Freedom of Information

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