



Australian Government

Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 217-1617

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 26 February 2017 to the Department of Health (Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

"I request all documents wherein the outcome of any enterprise bargaining ballots were communicated to the department by the entity who undertook the ballots.

This shall include the YES/NO vote amounts or percentages as well as any additional information related to the vote. For example, a breakdown of the vote by employee location, or APS level.

The scope of this request covers any such documents that were received as a result of EBA offers made to staff under: Workplace Bargaining Policy 2015 or Australian Government Public Sector Workplace Bargaining Policy 2014."

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Smith'.

Director
Freedom of Information
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