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Department of Human Services

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Our reference: LEX 27879

Mr Geordie Guy

By email: foi+request-3175-84e6df84@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Guy,

Acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**). I have taken your request to be for:

> 'copies of any briefing information Minister for Social Services, Christian Porter, was given in advance of being on ABC's RN Breakfast on the 3rd of January this year, as well as any responses, or questions about it the minister replied with'.

Your request was received by the department on 27 February 2017 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 29 March 2017. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

The department will advise you if a charge is payable to process your request and the amount of any such charge as soon as practicable.

Your Address

The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address which we can send notices to. You have advised your electronic address is foi+request-3175-84e6df84@righttoknow.org.au. We will send all notices and correspondence to this address. Please advise us as soon as possible if you wish correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes. If you do not advise us of changes to your address, correspondence and notices will continue to be sent to the address specified above.

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Further assistance

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

Yours sincerely

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