



31 March 2017

Our reference: LEX 28338

Mr Justin Warren  
Right to Know

By email: [foi+request-3230-a9030c88@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-3230-a9030c88@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Warren

### **Acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Request**

I refer to your request dated 14 March 2017 and received by the Department of Human Services (the **department**) on the same day, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) to the following documents:

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- b) Weekly Reports
- c) Issues and Escalated Issues Registers.

as per the FOI request listed here:

[https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/risk\\_governance\\_and\\_oversight\\_of\\_2](https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/risk_governance_and_oversight_of_2), LEX 26567.'

An acknowledgement letter was sent to you on 17 March 2017 advising that you could expect a decision from us by 13 April 2017.

The processing time was suspended during a period of consultation under section 24AB. As this consultation did occur you can now expect a decision from us by 18 April 2017.

You revised your request to be for the following documents:

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*Excluding draft documents.'*

The processing time 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.

#### **Further assistance**

If you have any questions please email [FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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