

29 March 2017

## **Richard Smith**

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Dear Mr Smith

## RE: Application for documents under the Commonwealth Freedom of Information Act 1982

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received by Australia Post on 19 March 2017 in which you sought access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 ("FOI Act"). You have sought the following from Australia Post:

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- a) Documents relating to the Australian Postal Corporation's consideration and decision to apply for ongoing access to Telecommunications Data as per the TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) ACT 1979;
- b) The date each Application made by Australian Postal Corporation for access to Telecommunications Data under the TELECOMMUNICATONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) ACT 1979:
- c) Documents relating to how Australian Postal Corporation deals with the privacy of data obtained through access to ongoing access to Telecommunications Data as per TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) ACT 1979, and how the data received is obtained, assessed, stored and ultimately destroyed;
- d) The number of documents containing data obtained by the Australian Postal Corporation through its ongoing access to Telecommunication Data; and
- e) The number of documents containing data obtained by the Australian Postal Corporation through its ongoing access to Telecommunications Data that the Australian Postal Corporation has determined are not likely to be required for a permitted purpose and therefore has destroyed, for the period of time from since the commencement of ongoing access to the data was granted until 17 March 2017.

[Also],

- 1) Why the Australian Postal Corporation thinks that it requires access to the Telecommunications Data of Australians.....; and
- The scale of Telecommunications Data of Australians being obtained, handled, stored and ultimately destroyed by the Australian Postal Corporation......."

Australia Post will respond to your request as soon as practicable and in any event within the statutory period for processing your request.

Please be aware that information released under the FOI Act may later be published in a disclosure log (subject to certain exceptions) within 10 days of a determination being

made. You may wish to express a view on this issue and to identify personal or business information that in your view may be unreasonable to publish.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOI Act we will advise you of our decision within 30 days of receipt of your request.

Yours sincerely,

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