



Mr Jackson Gothe-Snape

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Dear Mr Gothe-Snape

1. I refer to your request received by the Department of Education and Training (the department) on 28 March 2017 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to *'the topics list for briefs created in preparation for hearings of Senate 2016-17 Additional Estimates'*.

#### Background

2. On 7 April 2017, the department advised you of the preliminary estimate of the charge for processing your request, being \$75.00 (the Charge) based on 42 pages of material within the scope of your request.
3. On 13 April 2017, the department received your correspondence contending that the Charge had been wrongly assessed pursuant to section 29 of the FOI Act. My preliminary view is that the Charge was correctly assessed on the basis of the amount of material estimated to be within the scope of the request. I have not, however, made a decision under section 29 of the FOI Act as to the amount of charge payable as this will depend on the amount of material covered by the scope of your request (please see below).

#### Options to proceed with your request

4. I am now aware that the department has nine pages of topics lists for the high level briefs created to support the department's Executive at the hearings of Senate 2016-17 Additional Estimates. The remaining 33 pages are topic lists for other supporting information.
5. If you confirm that you are happy to specifically restrict the scope of your request to *the nine pages of the topic lists for high level briefs created to support the department's Executive at the hearings of Senate 2016-2017 Additional Estimates*, I would not impose a charge as the cost of calculating and collecting this charge would exceed the cost to the department to process the request.
7. Please inform me whether you would like to revise the scope of your request as set out above by **5 May 2017**.
8. If you inform me that you do not wish to restrict the scope of your request as indicated in paragraph 5 above, or if I have not heard from you by 5 May 2017, the department will make a decision under section 29 of the FOI Act as to the amount of charge payable.

Yours sincerely

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