



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

FOI17/082

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Mr Greg McDonald

By email: <mailto:foi+request-3442-237575fd@righttoknow.org.au>

Dear Mr McDonald,

Freedom of Information request – FOI17/082

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

Summary of your request and my decision

I, Imran Church, am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests made to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (the department).

On 24 April 2017 you requested access to:

Agendas or briefing documents relating to the Five Eyes meeting in Queenstown, New Zealand in April 2017.

I have identified that the department has no documents that fall within the scope of your request. I did this by arranging for a comprehensive search of the department's electronic document management systems and making inquiries of officers likely to have knowledge of this subject matter.

Under subsection 24A(1) of the FOI Act, an agency may refuse a request for access to documents if all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document, and the agency is satisfied that the document cannot be found or does not exist within the agency. I am satisfied that the department does not hold the documents you seek and accordingly I must refuse your request.

Your review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision. We encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

email: foi@ag.gov.au
post: Freedom of Information and Privacy Section
Strategy and Delivery Division
Attorney-General's Department
3-5 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online: <https://forms.business.gov.au/aba/oaic/foi-review-/>
email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
post: GPO Box 5218, SYDNEY NSW 2001
in person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

More information about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

Questions about this decision

If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact the department's FOI team at foi@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information and Privacy Section