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Dear Ms Bettes

### RE: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

I refer to your email of 22 May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) (**Attachment A**):

*'Statistics on how many cars per households there are in the Greater Sydney area.'*

#### Response to your request

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Statistical information collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is obtained under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Under Schedule 2, Part II, Division 2 of the FOI Act, this information cannot be released through a FOI request. As such, I am unable to grant access.

Regarding the information you seek, I recommend that you contact the ABS' National Information Referral Service (NIRS) on 1300 135 070. NIRS consultants will be able to determine if the ABS collects the information you require and, if the information is collected by the ABS, can advise you on how to access the information. In those cases where the ABS does not collect the data, NIRS consultants may be able to suggest other agencies or departments that you might like to contact.

#### Internal Review of the Decision

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision by the ABS. Additionally you may request a review of this decision by the Information Commissioner. Details of both procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at **Attachment B**.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Contact Officer, at [freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au](mailto:freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au) or on (02) 6252 7203.

Yours sincerely

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24 May 2017

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Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

Please may you send me statistics on how many cars per households there are in the Greater Sydney area.

If possible, please treat this as an administrative/informal request. Otherwise please proceed with my request as a formal information request under the FOI Act.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Bettes

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**INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW**

**1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION**

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to apply for an internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker were you to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

Application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

ABS FOI Contact Officer  
Policy and Legislation Section  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Locked Bag 10  
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

**OR**

**2. APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (INFORMATION COMMISSIONER) FOR REVIEW OF DECISION**

Section 54L of the Act gives you the right to seek a review of the decision from the Information Commissioner. An application for review must be made within 60 days of receiving the decision.

Applications for review must be in writing and must:

- give details of how notices must be sent to you; and
- include a copy of the notice of decision.

You should send your application for review to:

The Information Commissioner  
Office of the Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 5218  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

**AND/OR**

**3. COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

Section 70 of the Act provides that a person may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the Act.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency the complaint is about. It should be directed to the following address:

The Information Commissioner  
Office of the Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 5218  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

The Information Commissioner may decline to investigate the complaint in a number of circumstances, including that you did not exercise your right to ask the agency, the Information Commissioner, a court or tribunal to review the decision.