

PO Box 7820  
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

Please quote: [LEX 4563]

2 September 2013



**Australian Government**

**Department of Human Services**

Ms Ria Smit

By email:

foi+request-357-  
b0f7d3a2@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Smit,

### **Your Freedom of Information request**

1. I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). I have taken your request to be for:

*"I desire to know how many aged pensioners received the "work bonus" in 2012-2013 tax year, which allows them to earn an extra \$250 p.p.p., and accumulate for later use any amount that is not used up to \$6500 per annum.*

*Also, what percentage of age pensioners, does this represent?*

2. Your request was received by the department on 20 August 2013 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 19 September 2013. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.
3. 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.
4. The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address which we can send notices to. You have advised your electronic address is [foi+request-357-b0f7d3a2@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-357-b0f7d3a2@righttoknow.org.au). Please advise us if you wish correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes as soon as possible.
5. Please note that information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the department's website. Section 11C of the FOI Act requires this publication, however it is

subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

6. Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me on (02) 6223 4874. If you are phoning long-distance, you may reverse the charges.
7. Alternatively, you may send queries via email to the FOI Legal Team via [FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au) and we will correspond with you by email in relation to your FOI request.

Yours sincerely,



Amanda McLeod  
Lawyer  
Strategic Information Management Legal Branch  
Department of Human Services  
Telephone: (02) 6223 4874

**To comment on our service**

- To comment on our service, go to [humanservices.gov.au/feedback](http://humanservices.gov.au/feedback)
- If you have a concern that our Customer Relations staff have not resolved to your satisfaction, you can call the Commonwealth Ombudsman on 1300 362 072.