

27 June 2017

Mr Dominic Paul

By email: foi+request-3583-80163793@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Paul

Statement of Reasons - Freedom of Information request 2017-06 (Request)

1. Pursuant to s23(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) (Act) I am an officer of the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (Agency) acting within the scope of authority exercisable by me in accordance with arrangements approved by the principal officer of the Agency.
2. I am authorised to make a decision, on behalf of the Agency, in relation to the Request.

The Request

3. On 28 May 2017, the Applicant made the Request to the Agency in the following terms:

Dear Special Broadcasting Service Corporation,

Please provide documentation of the 2017 salary and benefits of SBS CEO Mr Michael Ebeid.

Yours faithfully,

Dominic Paul

Timeframe for responding to the request

4. Pursuant to s15(5) of the Act, but subject to any extension of time, the Agency has until the end of 27 June 2017, being 30 days from the date of the Request, to notify the Applicant of its decision.

Documents identified

5. SBS has identified the document *Principal Executive Office: Notification of Remuneration* as responding directly to your request.



Decision

6. Separate to SBS's formal consideration of this matter under the FOI Act, SBS is prepared to provide the attached document by way of administrative release of information.
7. This administrative release of information is made outside of the FOI Act framework.
8. A personal email address has been redacted to protect personal privacy.
9. I would appreciate it if you would respond to me as soon as possible advising if provision of this information is satisfactory; and, if so, if you would be willing to withdraw part your formal request for documents under the FOI Act.

Consideration of the Guidelines

10. I have considered the FOI Guidelines in making my decision.
11. My consideration of the FOI Guidelines has included consideration of the Access to Government Information – Administrative Release, as described in sections 3.2 to 3.5 of the FOI Guidelines.

Review rights

12. Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision not to release documents in accordance with your request. Application for the review of a decision must be made in writing within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.
13. No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker if you would set out in the application the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed. Applications for review should be emailed to foi@sbs.com.au and addressed to:

General Counsel
SBS
Locked Bag 028
Crows Nest NSW 1585

Review by the Information Commissioner

14. You may also apply to the Information Commissioner for review as follows:
 - review of access refusal decision (s. 54L(2)(a));
 - a decision made by SBS on internal review of an access refusal decision (s. 54L(2)(b)); or
 - if you have made an application for an internal review of the decision and no decision is made within 30 days (ss. 54D; 54L(2)(b)).



Information about this review process is available from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner – see www.oaic.gov.au for more information (Tel: 1300 363 992; Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare O'Neil', written over a dotted line.

Clare O'Neil

In my capacity as officer of Special Broadcasting Service Corporation and exercising authority exercisable by me in accordance with arrangements approved by the Principal Officer of Special Broadcasting Service Corporation being Michael Ebeid AM.

