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Mr Anatoly Kern

By email: [foi+request-3601-6be44d2f@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-3601-6be44d2f@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Kern

**Your Freedom of Information request is invalid**

I am writing in relation to your request, dated 3 June 2017, and received by the Department of Human Services (the **department**) on the same day for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) to the following:

'I am looking to understand the factual basis behind #21fathers campaign from Australian Brotherhood of Fathers in correlation to the actions of Child Support Smart Centers.

I am using the publicly available stats from <http://www.mindframe-media.info/for-media/reporting-suicide/facts-and-stats> for the reference.

Could you please provide the following information, for 2015 year:

- 1) The number of cases closed due to terminating event of a death of the payer.
- 2) Out of this cases, the number of cases, where during previous year/same year there were actions done by Child Support Smart Centers, under s 72a/72d.'

I am writing to advise you that your request for access to documents is invalid. Section 12 of the FOI Act relevantly provides that a person is not entitled to obtain access under the FOI Act to:

'(b) a document that is open to public access as part of a public register or otherwise... where that access is subject to a fee or other charge;'

The data you are requesting is available to you for a fee through the Information Management Branch. Accordingly, your request is invalid for the purposes of the FOI Act and the FOI team will not take any further action in relation to your request.

If you would like to proceed please contact the Information Management Branch to lodge your request for data. You can contact the Branch by email to [statistics@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:statistics@humanservices.gov.au) or by post to:

Internal and External Gateway Section  
Information Management Branch  
Department of Human Services  
PO Box 7788  
Canberra BC ACT 2610

Please see <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/statistical-information-and-data> for further information regarding costs or requests for statistics and data in general.

**Further assistance**

If you have any questions please email [FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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