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Dear applicant,

Freedom of Information Request – Third party consultation

I write in response to your email request dated 21 June 2017 to the Australian Public Service Commission (the Commission) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to the following:

"please provide me with the reports provided by the APSC to the Australian Electoral Commission with the results, both departmentally and by branch of the 2016 APS Staff Census Survey."

Third party consultation - business documents

As your request covers documents which contain information concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation, or a person's business or professional affairs, the Commission is required to consult with the person or organisation concerned (under section 27 of the FOI Act) before making a decision on the release of those documents.

The consultation mechanism under section 27 applies when the Commission considers the person or organisation concerned may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs. The Commission will take into account any comments we receive from the person or organisation. However, the final decision on whether to grant you access to the documents requested rests with the Commission.

For these reasons the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow the Commission time to consult with third parties (section 15(6) of the FOI Act). The processing period for your request will now end on 20 August 2017.

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact the Commission's FOI Officer by email at foi@apsc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Damien
Authorised FOI decision maker
20 July 2017

