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G King

By email only: [foi+request-375-0424d68b@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-375-0424d68b@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr King,

**Freedom of Information Request no. FOI13/141**

I refer to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) dated 3 September 2013 for access to the twenty most recently submitted interception capability plans (IC plans) given to the Communications Access Coordinator under Part 5-4 of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*.

I am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

On 26 September 2013, you were notified of my decision that you were liable to pay a charge in respect of processing your request under section 29 of the FOI Act and the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982*. My preliminary assessment of the charges found you liable to pay \$2,260.00. This amount was paid in full on 25 October 2013.

After processing your request, I have revised the amount payable to be \$1,353.33 in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act and the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982*.

**Basis for my assessment of charges**

I have assessed the work Attorney-General's Department has done to process your request and have calculated the following breakdown of charges:

Document Details	
Number of relevant documents	20
Number of relevant pages (or other size descriptor)	307

<b>PROCESSING CHARGES</b>		
<b>Search and retrieval</b>		
<b>Task</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost @ \$15/hr</b>
Search and retrieval of relevant electronic and registry files	3.33	\$50.00
Search and retrieval of relevant pages in file	15.00	\$225.00
Preparation of schedule of documents	1.00	\$15.00
<b><i>A. Search and retrieval subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>19.33</i></b>	<b><i>\$290.00</i></b>
<b>Decision making</b>		
<b>Task</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost @ \$20/hr</b>
Examination of documents for decision-making	25.58	\$511.67
Examination of exempted pages (to cover additional considerations of complexity of material, elements of exemption claim and public interest factors)	25.58	\$511.67
Consultation with third parties	0.00	\$0.00
Preparation of documents for release	0.00	\$0.00
Preparation of notice of access decision	7.00	\$140.00
<b><i>Decision making subtotal (before deduction of 5 hours)</i></b>	<b><i>58.17</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,163.33</i></b>
<b><i>B. Decision making subtotal (after deduction of first 5 hours free)</i></b>	<b><i>53.17</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,063.33</i></b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		
<b>TOTAL (total of A and B)</b>		<b>\$1,353.33</b>

**Process for Refund**

Given that the preliminary assessment of charges for this FOI request was lower than the estimated charge, you will receive a refund for amount of \$906.67.

In order for the department to arrange for this refund, could you please provide your bank account details, including account name, number and BSB, to:

Online: [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au)  
 Post: FOI and Privacy Section  
 Office of Corporate Counsel,  
 Attorney-General's Department,  
 3-5 National Circuit  
 Barton, ACT 2600

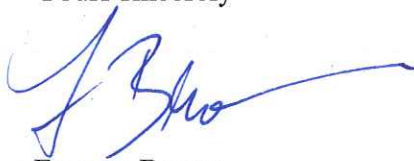
**Questions about this charge**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this notice with us, please contact Elise Perry by email at: [foi@agd.gov.au](mailto:foi@agd.gov.au).

More information about charges under the FOI Act is available in Part 4 of the Australian Information Commissioner's FOI guidelines:

[www.oaic.gov.au/publications/guidelines.html#foi\\_guidelines](http://www.oaic.gov.au/publications/guidelines.html#foi_guidelines) .

Yours sincerely



Frances Brown  
Director

