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Ms Maria Jones

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Dear Ms Jones

Transfer of freedom of information request to another agency.

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). You requested:

... pages 15-17 of your incoming government brief.

I am writing to tell you that I have transferred part of your request to the Attorney-General's Department. Under subsection 16(1) of the FOI Act, I am able to transfer a request if the subject matter of the document is more closely connected with the functions of another agency or if the document is held by another agency.

Accordingly, on 9 October 2013 I transferred the part of your request which relates to incoming government briefs relevant to the portfolio of the Attorney-General to the Attorney-General's Department, whose functions are more closely connected to the subject area.

We received your request on 18 September 2013 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. The Attorney-General's Department will treat your request as though it received it the same day that we did. You should therefore expect a decision from the Attorney-General's Department by COB Friday, 18 October 2013. The period of 30 days may be extended if the Attorney-General's Department needs to consult third parties or for other reasons. They will advise you if this happens.

Please contact the Attorney-General's Department by email at foi@ag.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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