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FOI Ref: 201718/15

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Dear Mr Buckley

RE: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your email of 11 September 2017 (Attachment A) in which you sought access to the following information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act):

- *'correspondence that the Bureau holds on record, which discuss the wording or presentation of the Survey Form used for the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey.'*

Response to your request

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act. I have assessed your request and believe that a practical refusal reason exists.

In accordance with Section 24 of the FOI Act, I have decided that the work involved in processing your request, in its current form, would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations.

This view is based on information that I received from the business areas that hold the documents, which estimate that the time required to process each aspect of your request would far exceed reasonable limits. A search of relevant staff email holdings has found 79 documents with 80 attachments resulting in over 500 pages of content. It is estimated that it would take over 150 hours to process this request in its current form, which would include, consultation with key staff in the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey Taskforce, who are currently focused on conducting the survey within the required time frame.

Action Required

You now have an opportunity to revise your request to enable it to proceed.

Revising your request can mean narrowing the scope of the request to make it more manageable or explaining in more detail the documents you wish to access. For example, by providing more specific information about exactly what documents you are interested in, our agency will be able to pinpoint

the documents more quickly and avoid using excessive resources to process documents you are not interested in.

Before the end of the consultation period, you must do one of the following, in writing:

- withdraw your request
- make a revised request
- tell us that you do not wish to revise your request.

Please note that in accordance with section 24AB(2)(e) of the FOI Act you have 14 days from the date of this letter to contact the ABS regarding your request. During this period, you are welcome to seek assistance from the ABS FOI Team who can be reached by email at freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 6252 7203 to revise your request.

If you revise your request in a way that adequately addresses the practical refusal grounds outlined above, we will recommence processing it. If you do not do one of the three things listed above during the consultation period or you do not consult the ABS FOI Team during this period, your request will be taken to have been withdrawn.

Yours sincerely



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17 October 2017

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Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

This is a request under the FOI Act.

Can you please provide copies of correspondence that the Bureau holds on record, which discuss the wording or presentation of the Survey Form used for the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey?

Yours faithfully,

Joel Buckley

 Please use this email address for all replies to this request :
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