



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER
FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Reference: FOI/OMAPS/2013/001

MJ

Email: foirequest-411-59e1f02e@righttoknow.org.au

Dear MJ

I refer to your email of 20 September 2013 in which you made a request addressed to the "Minister for the Public Service" under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) seeking:

...pages 64, 79, 89 & 91 of the incoming government brief provided to you.

Under arrangements in place for FOI requests made to the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (the Minister), I am authorised to make FOI decisions on his behalf.

Notice of practical refusal reason

I write to advise you that I consider your FOI request does not provide such information concerning the documents requested as is reasonably necessary to enable the Minister to identify the documents in accordance with section 15(2)(b) of the FOI Act. This constitutes a 'practical refusal reason' under section 24AA(1)(b) of the FOI Act. On this basis, I intend to refuse access to your request.

Before I make a decision to refuse the request for a practical refusal reason, you have an opportunity to revise your request. This is called a 'request consultation process' as set out under section 24AB of the FOI Act. You have **14 days to respond** to this notice in one of the ways set out below.

Reasons for intention to refuse your request

I consider the terms of your request do not provide sufficient information to identify the documents. The brief provided to the Minister does not contain chronological page numbers throughout the document. For this reason, I cannot reasonably identify the exact pages you are seeking.

Accordingly I consider your request in its current form does not provide such information concerning the documents as is reasonably necessary to enable the Minister to identify the documents.

Request consultation process

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

- withdraw your request;
- make a revised request; or
- advise that you do not wish to revise your request.

The consultation period runs for 14 days and will start on the day after you receive this notice. If you do not do one of the three things listed above during the consultation period or you do not consult with me during this period, your request will be taken to have been withdrawn.

If you were to revise your request in a way that adequately addresses the practical refusal grounds outlined above, we would recommence processing it. Please note that the time taken to consult with you regarding the scope of your request is not taken into account for the purposes of the initial 30 day time limit for processing your request.

If you have any queries, the contact officer for your request is the FOI coordinator, contactable on telephone (02) 6271 5849, or email to foi@pmc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Office of Senator the Hon Eric Abetz
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Minister for Employment

18 October 2013