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Dear Ms Kingston

FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2013-040

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in your email of 22 September 2013. You have sought access to the following documents:

- all documents which refer to or discuss complaints received, the review and the decision to invite [Piers Akerman] back on the show [following his appearance on *Insiders* on 16 June 2013], including any conditions or guidelines concerning his reappearance.
- documents which refer to or discuss his performance on the show on 22 September, including any complaints received about or touching upon his allegations against Julia Gillard regarding motor vehicle expenses.

I confirm that the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after your application was received, being 23 September 2013.

Subject to any suspension of the processing period or extension of the time for deciding this application, the ABC is required to make a determination in relation to this application by 23 October 2013. Please note that processing charges may be imposed and that consultation with third parties may be required. If it is necessary to seek agreement to pay charges or to consult with third parties, additional processing time is provided under the FOI Act. You will be advised of any charges as well as any need to consult third parties in relation to your request.

Please note that the ABC is required by the FOI Act to publish decisions and accessed information on its website within 10 working days after the release of the documents to the FOI applicant.

You should also be aware that by making an FOI request, you may be providing personal information to the ABC. The ABC will manage any such information in accordance with the ABC's Privacy Policy. Details of that policy are available on the ABC's website: <http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/>. Please note that personal information (such as your name) may be disclosed in the course of processing this request, for instance for the purposes of consultation.

I will consider your request and provide you with a decision as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "jmaude." with a period at the end.

Judith Maude

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