



Our reference: FOIREQ17/00068

Ms Verity Pane

By email to: <foi+request-4205-5745d4e1@righttoknow.org.au>

Dear Ms Pane

Your Freedom of Information request

I refer to your request for access to documents, made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the FOI Act), received by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) on 15 November 2017.

You sought access to agency reference numbers that were redacted from documents released to you in response to your FOI request for access to s 15AB applications made to the OAIC (FOIREQ17/00064). In your request you said that the reference numbers can be provided either by releasing the documents again with the reference numbers included, or by creating a new document.

Decision

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

I have decided to you grant access to the reference numbers redacted from the documents released to you in response to FOIREQ17/00064. In doing so, I have compiled a new document containing these reference numbers.

A copy of the resulting document is attached to my covering email.

You will notice that both the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Health have only eight and six reference numbers respectively. This is because some FOI requests (which have the same reference number) were subject to more than one extension of time application.

If you disagree with my decision

Internal review

You have the right to apply for an internal review of my decision under Part VI of the FOI Act. An internal review will be conducted, to the extent possible, by an officer of the OAIC who was not involved in or consulted in the making of my decision. If you wish to apply for an

internal review, you must do so in writing within 30 days. There is no application fee for internal review.

If you wish to apply for an internal review, please mark your application for the attention of the FOI Coordinator and state the grounds on which you consider that my decision should be reviewed.

Further Review

You have the right to seek review of this decision by the Information Commissioner and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

You may apply to the Information Commissioner for a review of my decision (IC review). If you wish to apply for IC review, you must do so in writing within 60 days. Your application must provide an address (which can be an email address or fax number) that we can send notices to, and include a copy of this letter. A request for IC review can be made in relation to my decision, or an internal review decision.

It is the Information Commissioner's view that it will usually not be in the interests of the administration of the FOI Act to conduct an IC review of a decision, or an internal review decision, made by the agency that the Information Commissioner heads: the OAIC. For this reason, if you make an application for IC review of my decision, it is likely that the Information Commissioner will decide (under s 54W(b) of the FOI Act) not to undertake an IC review on the basis that it is desirable that my decision be considered by the AAT.

Section 57A of the FOI Act provides that, before you can apply to the AAT for review of an FOI decision, you must first have applied for IC review.

Applications for internal review or IC review can be submitted to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Alternatively, you may submit your application by email to foi@oaic.gov.au, or by fax on 02 9284 9666.

Yours sincerely



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