



Australian Government
Immigration Assessment Authority

FOI Request: FOI2018/00699

1 February 2018

Jay Doe

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Dear Jay Doe

FOI REQUEST – DECISION – ACCESS REFUSED

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) lodged with the Department of Home Affairs on 11 January 2018, and subsequently transferred in part to the Immigration Assessment Authority (IAA) on 16 January 2018 under section 16 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

The documents relevant to your request are:

- A document which shows what powers that the Minister for Immigration has delegated to the IAA, and the positions within the IAA that have the ability to exercise those powers.

As an officer authorised under the FOI Act to make decisions on access, I have decided to refuse access to the documents. The reasons for this decision are set out below.

The IAA does not hold any documents which refer to any powers that the Minister for Immigration has delegated to the IAA, and the positions within the IAA that have the ability to exercise those powers. I have undertaken a search of the IAA's records and am satisfied that the IAA does not hold any documents that fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 24A(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I refuse your request for access as the documents you have requested do not exist.

Information about how you can apply for review of this decision or complain about how we have dealt with this matter is set out in the attached fact sheet.

If you have any questions, please email xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx or telephone 1800 205 919. For language assistance, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments

F9 - Information about reviews and complaints under the FOI Act

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Information about reviews and complaints under the Freedom of Information Act

What should I do prior to applying for internal review or contacting the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Before you apply for an internal review or contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, we recommend that you telephone the officer who made the FOI decision. It is often possible to resolve concerns or answer your questions using this approach and, if not, the officer will be able to assist you in applying for review.

How do I apply for internal review to the Immigration Assessment Authority?

You can apply to us for an internal review of the FOI decision. The application for internal review must be made within 30 days, or such further period as we allow, after the day the decision is notified to you. To apply for an internal review you must do so in writing. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. A different and more senior officer authorised under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) will conduct the internal review and make a new decision within 30 days after receipt of your application.

If you have already applied for internal review and want to seek a further review of that decision, you will need to apply to the Australian Information Commissioner.

How do I apply for review to the Australian Information Commissioner?

You may also apply directly to the Australian Information Commissioner for review of the FOI decision. The application for review must be made within 60 days after the day notice of the decision was given. An application for review must be in writing, include details of how notices in relation to the review are to be sent to you, and include a copy of the decision. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. An online application form is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website, details of which are provided below.

What if I want to make a complaint about the handling of a Freedom of Information request?

If you have a complaint about the way in which we have processed your request for access under the FOI Act, please contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#). Complaints should be made in writing and identify the 'Immigration Assessment Authority' as the agency in respect of which the complaint is made. You should explain the circumstances surrounding your complaint.

Where can I find further information or contact details for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Further information is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at www.oaic.gov.au and you can contact the office on 1300 363 992 or by email at xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx.