



Australian Government
Department of Health

Ms Karen Dearne
Right to Know

By email: foi+request-440-0eb9ca6

Dear Ms Dearne

Freedom of Information Request: No. 074-1314

The Department of Health (the Department) has received your email dated 9 October 2013, in which you made a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), seeking access to:

'a copy of the Blue Book prepared for the incoming Health Minister, Mr Peter Dutton'

Timeframe for receiving your decision

The statutory timeframe for processing your request is 30 calendar days from the day after your valid request was received. The Department is currently scheduled to provide you with a decision by **8 November 2013**. The date may be extended where:

- charges are levied as prescribed by the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations*; and/or
- consultation with third parties is necessary.

Charges

Agencies may decide that an applicant is liable to pay a charge in respect of a request for access to documents. If the Department decides to charge you in respect of this FOI request, we will send you a preliminary assessment of the charges as soon as possible.

Consultation with third parties

The Department may be required under the Act to consult other parties (third parties) where information relating to third parties arises in documents sought by you. The Act prescribes a further 30 calendar days processing time for the Department to undertake this consultation. You will be advised of any requirement to consult with a third party.

Publication

In accordance with Government policy agencies are required to publish information which has been released under FOI on a disclosure log. The disclosure log requirement does not

apply to personal information about a person or information about a business or the commercial, financial or professional affairs of any person where it is considered unreasonable to publish.

The Department will write again when we have further information on your request. For your reference, information on FOI processing can be found at the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at http://www.oaic.gov.au/foi-portal/about_foi.html.

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter, or have any queries throughout the processing of your request, please contact me on (02) 6289 1666 or e-mail FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'R' or a similar stylized mark.

FOI Coordinator
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10 October 2013