



Australian Government
Department of Jobs and Small Business

Ms Clarissa Loi

By email: foi+request-4493-a06a87d2@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Loi

I refer to your correspondence received by the Department of Jobs and Small Business (the Department) on 12 April 2018, in which you requested access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to documents that include:

'Recommendations or proposals that discusses unemployment rates and creation of new jobs in the current labour market, which may relate to Work For Dole activities.'

Notice of intention to refuse your FOI request

I am writing to you under section 24AB(2) of the FOI Act to notify you of my intention to refuse your request, because I am satisfied that a practical refusal reason exists under paragraph 24AA(1)(b), for the reasons specified below.

Clarification of the scope of your request

Your request, as currently worded, does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 15(2)(b) of the FOI Act. That is, it does not provide sufficient information to enable the Department to identify the information to which you are seeking access. Your request as it relates to 'recommendations or proposals that discuss unemployment rates and creation of new jobs in the current labour market' is too broad to allow the Department to identify the documents you are seeking. Further, the phrase 'which may relate to Work For Dole activities' does not narrow the range of documents advised by the first phrase.

Request Consultation Process (section 24AB)

Before making a decision to refuse your request on the above grounds, I am providing you with an opportunity to contact me and make submissions in support of your request as currently worded, or revise the scope of your request, so that the practical refusal reason will no longer exist.

You have **14 days** from the day you receive this letter to contact me and do one of the following:

- (a) withdraw your request;
- (b) make a revised request; or
- (c) indicate that you do not wish to revise the request.

You can contact me by writing to the following address:

Attention: Laura Davis
Information Law Team
Corporate Legal Branch
LOC: C12MT1-LEGAL
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Alternatively you can send an email to foi@jobs.gov.au.

If you do not contact the Department within this period, your FOI request will be taken to have been withdrawn under subsection 24AB(7) of the FOI Act.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6240 7310.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "D".

Laura Davis
Senior FOI Officer
Information Law Team
Corporate Legal Branch

19 April 2018