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E-mail Message

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I think that we should go down that route and at least gauge the level of interest for certain types of information and we can then review whether we only publish information or publish the documents at the outset for some which are frequently requested. We should let Louise and David (for the purposes of his Dep Secs group) know that we are doing this.

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From: Brown, Frances
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Hi Maggie

As I have mentioned in a previous e-mail, I am thinking about a change to our approach to the AGD disclosure log. To date we have put up a notice each time we have released documents in response to an FOI request and we have provide links to the released documents so that they can be downloaded. In a small number of cases we have decided that it would be 'unreasonable' to publish the documents at all or that no link would be provided because the documents were heavily redacted.

A number of agencies including the ATO, ComCare, Department of Environment, and the Departments of Employment and Education (whose websites have not yet been updated) publish information about the documents but do not provide links to the documents

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themselves. Instead the documents are available on request. DEEWR (as it was) has some linked documents - my understanding is that they put them up in fully accessible formats once they receive a request for the documents following publication of notice on the disclosure log.

I would like to move to publication of information about the documents released, without uploading the actual documents. This would be less resource intensive in terms of organising web publishing and would also avoid publication of documents with extensive redactions (which unfortunately is a necessary feature of the sort of documents that are requested from the department). It would also avoid the website having a lot of material attached to it that is seldom, if ever, accessed. In addition it would help the department reach its accessibility goals by stopping the publication of a whole lot of relatively inaccessible documents. Where documents proved popular we could take action to make them accessible and publish them online.

Do you have any concerns with adopting this different approach?

Regards

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