



**Australian Government**  
**Attorney-General's Department**

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Mr Brendan Molloy  
By email only: [foi+request-460-d8ffcd7b@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-460-d8ffcd7b@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Molloy

**Freedom of Information Request no. FOI13/195**

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested from the Attorney-General's Department (the department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

**Summary**

I, Emma Appleton, Assistant Secretary, am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

On 31 October 2013, you requested access to:

- a) *Documents pertaining to the most recent WCAG 2 compliance audit undertaken for the following websites:*
  - i) *[www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au)*
  - ii) *[www.classification.gov.au](http://www.classification.gov.au)*
- b) *Documents pertaining to the non-publication in the FOI disclosure log of recently completed FOI requests due to accessibility issues.*

On 7 November 2013, the department acknowledged your request as a valid request under section 15 of the FOI Act.

I identified 6 documents which fell within the scope of your request. I did this by conducting a thorough search of the electronic records of the department and making inquiries with staff within Web Services and the FOI & Privacy Section who would be likely to be able to assist in locating the documents. The schedule of documents at **Attachment A** provides a description of each document and my access decision. With regard to the documents you requested as set out in the schedule attached, I have decided to grant access in full to documents 2 – 5 and grant access in part to document 1 and 6 with material outside of scope redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act. More information, including my reasons for my decision, is set out below.

## Decision and reasons for decision

With regard to the documents identified in the attached schedule, I have decided:

- to **grant access in full** to documents 2 – 5; and
- to **grant access in part** to documents 1 and 6 with material redacted under 22 of the FOI Act – *access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted.*

Document 2 describes the testing process the department used to assess all AGD websites, including the AGD and classification websites, required for the WCAG 2.0 compliance audit. The comments at the end of the document provide an overall summary of the Department's compliance with the WCAG 2 audit. Further information about the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.0 (WCAG 2.0), including the 2010 Baseline Report, is available on the Department of Finance. Documents 3 to 5 is email correspondence pertaining to the inclusion of a download link on the FOI disclosure log for documents recently provided in response to FOI requests.

### Irrelevant information

Section 22(1) of the FOI Act provides that an agency may provide an edited copy of a document to remove information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to a request. Document 1 provides an assessment of all of the department's websites as part of the WCAG 2.0 compliance audit. You have specifically sought information about the AGD and classification websites. As a result, information on other websites owned by the department, including internal websites, has been redacted as outside the scope of your request. Document 6 is a report for the Executive Board meeting dated 3 October 2013. Information concerning specific FOI requests contained in this document, including names of applicants, text of the requests and due dates, are not within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I am satisfied that this material is irrelevant to your request and I have edited the document accordingly.

### **Your review rights**

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision. We encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

### **Internal review**

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Attorney-General's Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online:    foi@ag.gov.au  
post:       FOI and Privacy Section  
              Office of Corporate Counsel,  
              Attorney-General's Department,  
              3-5 National Circuit  
              Barton, ACT 2600

Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

**Information Commissioner review**

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

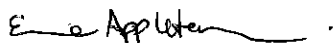
online: Australian Business Account – FOI Review  
email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au  
post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601  
in person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

More information about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website.

**Questions about this decision**

If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact Elise Perry by email at [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Emma Appleton  
Assistant Secretary  
Information Division

**Attachments**

- A. Schedule of documents
- B. Documents 1 – 6

