



FOI18/073; 18/3922

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By email: foi+request-4609-f7a47818@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Kekre

Your Freedom of Information Request FOI18/073

I refer to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), received by the department on 28 May 2018, for access to documents as follows:

'Copies of all briefings, communications, forms, reports, documents or notes mentioning or regarding the not-for-profit media organization WikiLeaks or its Australian staff, including but not limited to Julian Assange.'

Why I intend to refuse your request

Our preliminary searches have revealed that the number of documents likely to fall within the scope of your request as it currently stands would be voluminous and that to conduct searches for the material in its entirety and to process it would have a disproportionate effect on the capacity of the line area to do other work. On this basis, I intend to refuse access to the documents you requested. This is a 'practical refusal reason' (section 24AA of the FOI Act).

However, before I make a final decision to do this, you have an opportunity to revise your request. This is a request consultation process as set out in section 24AB of the FOI Act and you have an opportunity to respond to this notice in one of the ways described below.

Request consultation process

Before the end of the consultation period, you must do one of the following, in writing:

- withdraw your request;
- make a revised request; or
- tell us that you do not wish to revise your request.

As the consultation period runs for 14 days and starts on the day after you receive this notice, the due date for your reply is 15 June 2018.

During this period, you are welcome to seek assistance from the FOI Unit. If you revise your request in a way that adequately addresses the practical refusal grounds outlined above, we will recommence processing it. (Please note that the time taken to consult you about the scope of your request is not included in the 30 day time limit for processing your request.)

If you do not do one of the three things listed above during the consultation period, your request will be taken to have been withdrawn.

If you would like to revise your request or have any questions, you may contact the FOI Unit by telephone on (02) 6141 6666, or by email foi@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Bouwhuis
Assistant Secretary