



Australian Government
Department of Jobs and Small Business

Ms Clarissa Loi
Right to Know website

By email: foi+request-4640-ded3fb4a@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Loi

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

*' the amount of government funding given to job providers under the jobactive system for the years of 2015-2017 based on the successful outcomes of each individual provider by the end of the financial year(s) stated above
- the number of successful outcomes for which the basis of the funding would be justified from for each provider, per the years stated above. '*

Notice of intention to refuse your FOI request

I have consulted with the officers in the Assessment Services Outcomes and Labour Market Policy Branch, who hold the information you have requested. These Officers are best placed to advise on the number and nature of documents held by the Department which are likely to be relevant to your request, and the work involved in processing your request.

I am advised there are over 40 different jobactive scheme providers. The material you are requesting requires retrieval of data from the database for each individual provider. It is estimated it would take 2 hours to extract, tabulate, check and prepare this data for each jobactive scheme provider. As such, the total estimated time to search and retrieve your request for information is 84 hours.

I have estimated over 80 hours for consultation with over 40 different third parties. The consultation process would require the preparation of correspondence to the affected jobactive scheme provider, and incorporation of any responses into the decision. I have estimated a further four hours will be required for decision making, taking into account the complexity of the matter.

Accordingly, I consider that the work required to process your request would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations. I am therefore satisfied that a practical refusal reason exists in relation to your request for the purposes of subsection 24AA(1) of the FOI Act.

In view of this, I am writing to you under subsection 24AB(2) of the FOI Act to notify you of my intention to refuse your FOI request, on the basis that a practical refusal reason exists.

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:
Kate Rizzuto
Government Lawyer
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Scope revision considerations

Limiting the scope of your request to a narrower date range, requesting a smaller number of jobactive provider's or requesting the information sought on a national level rather than by provider, may reduce the scope of your request sufficiently to remove the practical refusal reason to enable the Department to process your request.

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 6240 4310.

Yours sincerely



Kate Rizzuto
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Corporate Legal Branch

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