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Mr Corin Tentchoff
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Dear Mr Tentchoff,

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request dated 21 November 2013 for documents held by the Australian Federal Police pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

The Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, being the principal officer of that Agency, has authorised me to make decisions on behalf of that agency in respect of the Act.

SEARCHES

In relation to your request for documents, searches have been undertaken for all records held by AFP case officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access including, but not limited to:

- Finance Services,
- Internal Audit and Assurance,
- Finance and Budget Advice, and
- National Procurement and Contracts.

Apart from the file made up for your Freedom of Information request, the Australian Federal Police holds no documents in relation to your request. On this basis, your request for access is refused under section 24A(b)(ii) of the Act.

Section 24A states:

- "An agency or Minister may refuse a request for access to a document if:*
- (a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document; and*
 - (b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:*
 - (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found; or*
 - (ii) does not exist."*

Your attention is directed to your review rights under Part VI of the Act

REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC review.

Internal Review by the AFP

Section 53A of the Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review in writing to this Department within 30 days of being notified of this decision.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker were you to set out in the application, the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

Applications for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

Government Relations
Information Access Team
Australian Federal Police
GPO Box 401
Canberra ACT 2601

Internal Review by the Information Commissioner (IC)

Alternatively, Section 54L of the Act gives you the right to apply directly to the IC or following an internal review with this Agency. In making your application you need to provide:

- an address for notices to be sent (this can be an email address).
- A copy of this decision.

It would also help if you set out the reasons for review in your application.

Applications for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 2999
Canberra ACT 2601

Right to Complain

Section 70 of the Act provides that a person may complain to the IC about action taken by this Department in relation to your application.

A complaint to the IC may be made in writing and identify the agency against which the complaint is made.

The IC may be contacted on 1300 363 992. There is no particular form required

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to make a complaint, but the complaint should set out the grounds on which you consider the action should be investigated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Allan J Spencer', written over a diagonal line.

Superintendent Allan J Spencer
Coordinator
Information Access (Freedom of Information)
Government Relations