



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 23(1)

I, Frances Adamson, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and principal officer of that Department within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, hereby approve, under subsection 23(1) of that Act, the following arrangements, that is to say, that each person for the time being occupying, or performing the duties of, an officer specified in Part 2 of a Schedule to this instrument is authorised to make decisions on behalf of the Department as specified in Part 1 of that Schedule.

Dated this *twenty third* day of *January*

2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Frances Adamson'.

Frances Adamson
Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

PART 1 – POWERS

All powers under the Act.

PART 2 – OFFICERS

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All positions designated as:

- First Assistant Secretary and above in the Senior Executive Service of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- Former SES officers engaged to make decisions on freedom of information matters from time to time; and
- Corporate Counsel, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

SCHEDULE 2

PART 1 – POWERS

All powers under the Act except decisions under Part VI of the Act in relation to applications for internal review.

PART 2 – OFFICERS

DFAT

- Branch Heads in the Senior Executive Service;
- Former SES officers engaged to make decisions on freedom of information matters from time to time;
- Directors in the Australia Passports Office;
- Directors in the Consular Operations Branch; and
- Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section.