



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

Our ref: FOI19/009; CM19/211

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Posty

By email: [foi+request-5193-e2a0dc6e@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-5193-e2a0dc6e@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Posty

**Freedom of Information Request FOI19/009 – Decision Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

**Your Request**

On 1 January 2019, you requested access to:

*All documents as is (that is, redacted or unredacted) from all previously made decisions on your department's FOI log that are currently not available for download direct from the website.*

*The total of the number of times any member of the public has asked for access to each non-website published successful documents on the FOI disclosure log other than the original successful applicant.*

On 11 January 2019, the Attorney-General's Department (the department) acknowledged your request.

On 11 January 2019, you clarified that the second part of the request did not need to be responded to if the documents that are not currently available for download were made available for download.

On 21 January 2019, the department provided you with a request consultation process notice.

On 2 February 2019, you revised the scope of your request to:

*All documents as is (that is, redacted or unredacted) from all previously made decisions on your department's FOI log that are currently not available for download direct from the website for the years 2018 and 2019.*

*Please note that I still am requesting delivery of these documents in the format of being downloadable from your disclosure log.*

On 7 February 2019, the department acknowledged your revised scope and requested that you consent to an extension of 30 days under section 15AA of the FOI Act to enable the department to complete processing of your request. The department also requested that you provide a name and mailing address for CD delivery of documents. The department is awaiting your reply.

## My Decision

I am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to freedom of information requests made to the Attorney-General's Department (the department).

I have identified 236 documents that fall within the scope of your request. I did this by making inquiries of staff likely to be able to identify relevant documents and arranging for comprehensive searches of relevant departmental electronic and hard copy holdings.

In making my decision regarding access to the relevant documents, I have taken the following material into account:

- the terms of your request
- the content of the documents identified as within scope of your request
- the provisions of the FOI Act
- the views of a third party consulted by the Attorney-General's Department under section [26A/26AA/27/27A]
- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

I have decided to grant access to the 236 documents.

Please note that these documents, and the schedule of documents, will be released once we receive your response to the abovementioned correspondence dated 7 February 2019. You will receive documents from previously made decisions on the disclosure log between 1 January 2018 and the date of this decision.

## Additional Information

Your review rights under the FOI Act are set out at **Attachment A** to this letter.

The Schedule of Documents at **Attachment B** sets out brief information about each document within the scope of your request and my decision in relation to access to each of those documents.

The documents to which you I have decided to grant access under the FOI Act are at **Attachment C**.

## Questions about this decision

If you wish to discuss this decision, the FOI case officer for this matter is Julia, who can be reached on (02) 6141 6666 or at [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Katrina Fairburn  
Director Freedom of Information and Parliamentary

## Attachments

Attachment A: Review Rights



## FOI Review Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the decision of the Attorney-General's Department (the department), you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision.

The department encourages applicants to consider seeking internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

### ***Internal review***

Under section 54 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), applications for internal review must be made in writing within 30 days of the date of the decision letter. Applications for internal review must be lodged by email or post.

email: [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au)

post: Freedom of Information and Parliamentary Section  
Strategy and Governance Branch  
Attorney-General's Department  
3-5 National Circuit  
BARTON ACT 2600

An officer of the department other than the officer who made the original decision will complete the internal review within 30 days of receipt of your request.

Providing reasons you believe internal review of the decision is necessary will facilitate the completion of the internal review.

### ***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 the decision letter, and can be lodged in one of the following ways:

online: <https://forms.business.gov.au/aba/oaic/foi-review-/>

email: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

post: GPO Box 5218, SYDNEY NSW 2001

in person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

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

Go to <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

