



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

Our ref: FOI19/008; CM19/170

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Eddie

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Dear Eddie

Freedom of Information Request FOI19/008 – 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 2 January 2019, you requested access to:

...documents which prove the commonwealth and state governments in Australia have an obligation to protect the public within Australia's borders.

On 11 January 2019, the Attorney-General's Department (the department) acknowledged your request and requested that you contact the department to discuss the scope of your request.

On 19 January 2019, you wrote to the department, clarifying that you are:

...seeking to discover if there are documents which do or do not obligate, the commonwealth government; to legally and or lawfully defend Australian Citizens (sic) in Australia, from the illegal or unlawful acts committed against them other human beings in Australia.

On 29 January 2019, the department wrote to you, advising you that a practical refusal reason exists under section 24AA of the FOI Act, and requesting you explain in more detail the documents you wish to access.

The department has not received a response from you.

My Decision

The terms of your request are broad, and you have not responded to the Notice of 29 January 2019. I consider that, in accordance with section 24AB of the FOI Act, the department has taken reasonable steps to assist you to revise your request so that a practical refusal reason no longer exists.

Accordingly, I must consider your request withdrawn under subsection 24AB(7) of the FOI Act on the grounds that you have not responded by withdrawing your request, making a revised request or indicating that you do not wish to further revise your request.

Additional information

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

Yours sincerely



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