

## **Australian Government**

# **Department of Communications and the Arts**

FOI reference number: 38-1819

Via email: foi+request-5205-65e2b950@righttoknow.org.au

# Dear Requester

I refer to your request received on 7 January 2019 for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). You requested the 'application and its supporting material/attachment for the video game Warface'.

### **Authority**

I am an officer authorised by the Secretary of the department to make decisions about charges applying to requests for access to documents in accordance with subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act.

### Charges

Section 29 of the FOI Act authorises an agency to impose a charge in respect of a request for access to a document. I have decided that charges should be imposed, consistent with the Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982.

# Preliminary assessment of the amount of the charge

The department has now completed a search for documents. The preliminary assessment of the department's charge to process your request is calculated as follows:

TOTAL		¢ 15.00
	(*there is no charge for the first five hours of decision making time)	(-\$98.97)
4.95 hours	Document preparation and decision making time*, at \$20 per hour	\$ 98.97
1 hours	Search and retrieval time, at \$15 per hour	\$ 15.00

Please be aware that the department's charges relate to the processing of your request, including search, retrieval, decision making, and consultation. Payment is no guarantee that a decision will be made to grant access to the documents.

In accordance with Regulation 10(1), the charges will be reassessed upon finalisation of the request. If it becomes apparent that the department has over-estimated the preliminary charges and you have paid the full amount, a refund will be provided, or, if a deposit has been paid, an appropriately reduced balance will be sought from you, prior to providing you with documents relevant to your request.

# **Third party Consultation**

While processing your request, the department has identified that your request includes documents containing business information of a person or an organisation. In accordance with section 27 of the FOI Act, the department is required to consult with those entities before making a decision on release of documents.

To allow this, the processing time limit for your request has been extended by 30 days in accordance with section 15(6) of the FOI Act.

#### **Contacts**

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact the department's FOI Coordinator on (02) 6271 1219 or via email at <a href="FOI@communications.gov.au">FOI@communications.gov.au</a>

Yours sincerely

Aaron O'Neill Assistant Secretary Classification Branch

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