



13 February 2019

Our reference: LEX 42296

FOI Applicant

Only by email: foi+request-5243-1375e4b9@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

Acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your original request, dated 2 February 2019, for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*:

'Could you please provide documents that include the information that relates to the Practice Incentives Program eHealth Incentive Program [ePIP]' as per this webpage: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/enablers/ehealth-incentive/47761>

- 1. What date did this program commence?*
- 2. How many GP practices are currently participating in the ePIP program (as of 2 February 2019)?*
- 3. A list, current of 2 February 2019, of all GP practices participating in the ePIP program.*
- 4. From the commencement of the ePIP program until 2 February 2019, how many GP practices have participated in the ePIP program?*
- 5. Briefing notes, or summaries, or audits relating to the effectiveness of the ePIP program.*
- 6. The total sum of all payments made under the ePIP program.*
- 7. The total number of shared health summaries uploaded to My Health Record, by virtue of the ePIP program.'*

The department received an email, dated and received on 9 February 2019, revising your original request to the following terms (**revised request**):

Further to the original request lodged 2 February 2019, I wish to narrow the scope of some of the requested documents. Subsequent to the lodgement of the request, publicly available information makes clear that the ePIP requirement to upload shared

health summaries ['SHS'] to the My Health Record ['MHR'] system was introduced after the commencement of the ePIP program.

Accordingly, the scope of items 1, 4, 5, 6 are narrowed as follows:

1. *What date did the ePIP eligibility requirement for participating practices to upload SHS for a minimum of 0.5% of the practice's standardised whole patient equivalent become mandatory ['the commencement date']?*

4. *From the commencement date until 2 February 2019, how many GP practices have participated in the ePIP program?*

5. *Briefing notes, or summaries, or audits relating to the effectiveness of the ePIP program after the commencement date.*

6. *The total sum of all payments made under the ePIP program from the commencement date.*

The scope of the other documents requested at items 2, 3 and 7 remain unchanged.

Your request was received by the Department of Human Services (**department**) FOI Team on 2 February 2019 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by **4 March 2019**. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

Transfer

Having considered the terms of your request, I have determined that parts of your request are more closely related to the functions of the Department of Health (Health), as Health is the policy agency responsible for the ePIP program.

For this reason, the following parts of your request has been transferred to Health pursuant to section 16 of the FOI Act:

1. *What date did the ePIP eligibility requirement for participating practices to upload SHS for a minimum of 0.5% of the practice's standardised whole patient equivalent become mandatory ['the commencement date']?*

5. *Briefing notes, or summaries, or audits relating to the effectiveness of the ePIP program after the commencement date.*

6. *The total sum of all payments made under the ePIP program from the commencement date.*

7. *The total number of shared health summaries uploaded to My Health Record, by virtue of the ePIP program.*

The Department of Human Services will proceed with processing parts 2, 3 and 4 of your FOI request.

Charges

The department will advise you if a charge is payable to process your request and the amount of any such charge as soon as practicable. No charge is payable for providing a person with their own personal information.

Your Address

The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address which we can send notices to. You have advised your electronic address is foi+request-5243-1375e4b9@righttoknow.org.au. We will send all notices and correspondence to this address. Please advise us as soon as possible if you wish correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes. If you do not advise us of changes to your address, correspondence and notices will continue to be sent to the address specified above.

Administrative Release of Documents

The department has administrative access arrangements (**arrangements**) for the release of certain documents without the need for a formal FOI request. Unless you advise us otherwise, in processing your request we may provide you with documents under these arrangements where appropriate. The arrangements do not extend to information or materials of third parties. You will be notified when documents are released to you under the arrangements.

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Further assistance

If you have any questions please email FOI.LEGAL.TEAM@humanservices.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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