



OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr Luke Mansillo
via email:
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Dear Mr Mansillo

RE: Application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

I refer to your email of 5 February 2013 in which you make a request under the Commonwealth *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for:

"any correspondence regarding discussion of the termination or the cancellation of awards, notably the Order of Australia, since 2010"

Please note that special arrangements apply to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. Section 6A of the FOI Act includes that following provision:

1. This Act does not apply to any request for access to a document of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General unless the document relates to matters of an administrative nature.
2. For the purpose of this Act, a document in the possession of a person employed under section 13 of the *Governor-General Act 1974* that is in his or her possession by reason of his or her employment under that section shall be taken to be in the possession of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

Further to that, the FOI Act does not apply to documents of the Council for the Order of Australia or the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, both of which were established by Letters Patent.

Our office is currently investigating this matter and will respond to you within 30 days, in accordance with the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Karen Baker (karen.baker@gg.gov.au or phone (02) 6283 3510).

Yours sincerely

Mark Fraser
Deputy Official Secretary to the Governor-General

15 February 2013