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Reference: FOI201920/13
Mr Mark George

By Email: foi+request-5755-ee9b62d3@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr George

RE: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request for access to statistical information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) regarding murder statistics from 2009-2019 (**Full request at Attachment A**).

Response to your request

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act. I have reviewed your request and determined that the information you seek, if held by the ABS, would have been collected under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Schedule 2, Part II, Division 2 of the FOI Act exempts the ABS from releasing under FOI information collected under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. As such, I am unable to approve the release of the information sought. I would recommend that you contact the ABS' National Information Referral Service (NIRS) to determine if the ABS is able to meet your information needs outside the FOI process. The NIRS can be contacted on 1300 135 070.

Internal Review of the Decision

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision by the ABS. Additionally you may request a review of this decision by the Information Commissioner. Details of both procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at **Attachment B**.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Contact Officer at freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Meagher'.

Michael Meagher
Program Manager
Risk, Planning and Policy Branch
Australian Bureau of Statistics
19 November 2019

Basics

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Send	To "FOI requests at ABS" <freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au> cc bcc
Subject	Freedom of Information request - Percentages of children murdered by a parent acting alone (mothers vs fathers) for each year from 2009 through 2019 📎
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Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

Could you please provide me with percentages of children murdered by a parent who was acting alone 2009 - 2019 ??

I have been given opposing answers by different organisations for many years now. As an advocate against the demonisation of men and boys by the media and other organisations in Australia and me being someone who works towards decreasing the suicide rate of males (and females) I need to confirm for once and for all whether the information in this following statement is indeed fairly accurate or not...

"Around 81% of children murdered by a parent acting alone, are murdered by their mothers"

...So I am requesting the privilege of knowing the percentages for "Mothers vs Fathers acting alone in murdering their children for each year from 2009 through 2019" Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Mark George

Please use this email address for all replies to this request :

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ATTACHMENT B: INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW**1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION**

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to apply for an internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days of receipt of this letter. No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker were you to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

Application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

ABS FOI Contact Officer
Policy and Legislation Section
Australian Bureau of Statistics
Locked Bag 10
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

OR

2. APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (INFORMATION COMMISSIONER) FOR REVIEW OF DECISION

Section 54L of the Act gives you the right to seek a review of the decision from the Information Commissioner. An application for review must be made within 60 days of receiving the decision.

Applications for review must be in writing and must:

- give details of how notices must be sent to you; and
- include a copy of the notice of decision.

You should send your application for review to:

The Information Commissioner
Office of the Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

AND/OR

3. COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Section 70 of the Act provides that a person may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the Act.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency the complaint is about. It should be directed to the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Office of the Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

The Information Commissioner may decline to investigate the complaint in a number of circumstances, including that you did not exercise your right to ask the agency, the Information Commissioner, a court or tribunal to review the decision.