



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

FOI

FOI/2019/357

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BARTON

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

REQUEST BY: Rennie

DECISION BY: Peter Rush
Assistant Secretary
Parliamentary and Government Branch

By email: foi+request-5908-d6268bd1@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Rennie

I refer to your email, dated 15 November 2019, in which you made a request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the **Department**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) in the following terms:

... any emails contained in all of Philip Gaetjens' outlook items (including deleted items) that contain any of the following terms (in the body of an email and/or in the addressee fields of an email):

- i) "liberal.org.au",*
- ii) "ipa.org.au" ..., and/or*
- iii) "Hillsong" ...*

On 20 November 2019, you wrote to the Department to advise that:

I agree to the blacking out of the names of any person identified in the documents except where that person is or was at the time a Senior Executive Commonwealth Public Servant or the Secretary of the Department.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make this decision in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department's Secretary under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Searches for relevant documents

The Department has located 10 documents within the scope of your request (the **requested documents**).

Decision

I have decided to grant access, in full, to the requested documents, with irrelevant information removed under section 22 of the FOI Act.

The requested documents are **attached**.

In making this decision, I have had regard to the following material:

- the FOI request;
- the documents relevant to the FOI request;
- the FOI Act; and
- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the **FOI Guidelines**).

Deletion of exempt or irrelevant information (section 22 of the FOI Act)

Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that exempt or irrelevant information may be deleted from a copy of a document, and access granted to such an amended copy where it is reasonably practicable to do so, unless it is apparent that the applicant would not wish to have access to such a copy.

In accordance with section 22 of the FOI Act, I have removed the parts of the requested documents that contain irrelevant information that is outside the scope of your request. I have also excluded duplicate information in the requested documents (such as duplicate email trails), wherever relevant, to facilitate the processing of your request.

Further, in accordance with the Department's policy as advised to you on 26 November 2019, I find that the following information in the requested documents, where ever it occurs, is irrelevant to the FOI request:

- any person's signature;
- the names and contact details of Australian Public Service officers not in the Senior Executive Service (SES);
- mobile or direct numbers of SES officers; and
- the names and contact details of Ministerial staff at a level below Chief of Staff.

In accordance with section 22 of the FOI Act, I have also excluded the parts of the requested documents that contain the above details, where relevant.

Charges

I have decided not to impose charges in relation to the processing of your request.

Publication of Documents

Under section 11C of the FOI Act, the Department will arrange to publish the documents released to you on the Department's FOI Disclosure Log.

Review rights

Information about your rights of review under the FOI Act is available at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

Complaint rights

You may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision. Making a complaint about the way the Department has handled an FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of the Department's decision. Further information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>.



Peter Rush

Assistant Secretary

Parliamentary and Government Branch

16 December 2019



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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

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Document	Date	Description	Pages	Decision
1	22 September 2019	Email – Daily Media Briefing	1-3	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
2	22 September 2019	Email - Transcript	4-5	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
3	23 September 2019	Email – Daily Media Briefing	6-7	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
4	21 October 2019	Email – Senate Estimates media monitoring report	8-11	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
5	22 October 2019	Email – Daily Media Briefing	12-14	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
6	22 October 2019	Email – media report	15-16	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
7	22 October 2019	Email – Senate Estimates media monitoring report	17-18	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
8	25 October 2019	Email – Daily Media Briefing	19-21	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
9	25 October 2019	Email – media report	22	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act
10	29 October 2019	Email – Daily Media Briefing	23-24	Release in full with irrelevant material redacted under s22 of the FOI Act