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Mr Mark Diamond

By email: foi+request-599-2a78bb47@rightoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Diamond

#### Freedom of Information Act 1982 - Notice of Decision

I refer to your correspondence received by the Department of Industry (the department) on 26 April 2014, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to "...a copy of the Privacy Impact Assessment Report for the Unique Student Identifier".

# **Background**

On 12 May 2014, you were notified that a charge of \$127.20 was payable in respect of the processing of your request. You were also notified that the time period for processing your request had been extended by 30 days to allow for third party consultation. By email dated 5 June 2014, you contended that the charge should be waived on public interest grounds.

On 18 June 2014, the department decided to reduce the charge by 50% on public interest grounds and impose a charge of \$63.30.

On 4 July 2014, the department received a cheque payment of \$63.30 being the payment in full to process your FOI request. A copy of the receipt was sent to you by email dated 8 July 2014.

## **Decision**

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

I am satisfied that reasonable searches have been undertaken to locate all documents held by the department that are relevant to your request. There are 63 folios relevant to your request and I have decided that it is appropriate to release the documents in full.

Please provide your postal address for the department to send the documents by Express Post.

## **Application for Internal Review**

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the option to apply for a departmental internal review of my decision. If you make an application for internal review it will be conducted by an officer of the department (other than me) appointed by the Secretary of the department to conduct a review and make a completely fresh decision on the merits of the case.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days after the day of receipt of this letter. You do not have to pay any fees or processing charges for an internal review, except for charges relating to

the provision of any additional relevant material located as a result of the review (for example photocopying). While a specific form is not required, it would assist the decision maker if your application specifies the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

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

FOI Coordinator
Department of Industry
GPO Box 9839
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or by e-mail to: FOI@industry.gov.au.

If the decision on internal review was not satisfactory to you, you would then be entitled to seek review of that decision by the Information Commissioner. You will be further notified of your rights of review at the time the internal decision is notified, should you take that course.

#### **Review by the Australian Information Commissioner**

Alternatively, section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for review of my decision by the Australian Information Commissioner. An application for review by the Australian Information Commissioner may be made regardless of whether the decision was the subject of a departmental internal review. An application for review by the Australian Information Commissioner must be made within 60 days of receipt of this notice. There is no fee for review by the Australian Information Commissioner.

You must apply in writing and you can lodge your application in one of the following ways:

Online: www.oaic.gov.au

Post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601

Fax: +61 2 9284 9666

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

An application form is available on the website at <a href="www.oaic.gov.au">www.oaic.gov.au</a>. Your application should include a copy of this notice and your contact details. You should also set out why you are objecting to the decision.

#### **Complaints to the Australian Information Commissioner**

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner concerning action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Australian Information Commissioner will make a completely independent investigation of your complaint. A complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner must be made in writing and can be lodged online using the Information Commissioner Complaint Application form on the Australian Information Commissioner's website at <a href="https://www.oaic.gov.au">www.oaic.gov.au</a>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the FOI team on (02) 6102 8104 or via e-mail at FOI@industry.gov.au, if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Jason Coutts

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Information Infrastructure

**Skills Policy Division**