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Reference: FOI201920/18

Chris H

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Dear Chris H,

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:

‘A document with names of FOREIGN entities who are creditors of the economy's debt.’

A full copy of this correspondence can be found 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.

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
06 January 2020

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Sent by Fiona Carnes

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Dear Chris H,

I refer to your application in which you seek access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* regarding:

- a document with names of FOREIGN entities who are creditors of the economy's debt

Your request was received by the ABS on 20 December 2019 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from that date.

It is ABS policy to impose charges consistent with s.29 of the FOI Act. If applicable we will inform you of charges for this request once we have conducted a search for documents. If charges are imposed and you wish to proceed, we will require a deposit in order for us to continue processing the request in full.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this email.

Please note that the ABS offices will be closed from COB Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will reopen on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Kind regards

Fiona Carnes
Assistant Director

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Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

This request is an application for the purpose of the Freedom of

Information Act 1982.

I am writing to request a document with names of FOREIGN entities who are creditors of the economy's debt.

Yours faithfully,

Chris H

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.