



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
BARTON

FOI

FOI/2020/006

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

REQUEST BY: Mr Eric Jiang

DECISION BY: Ms Dana Robertson
Assistant Secretary
Communications Branch

By email: foi+request-6059-e107f5cc@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Jiang

On 5 January 2020, you made a request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the **Department**) for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**FOI Act**), in the following terms:

I refer to the video posted on the Prime Ministers social accounts in promoting the bushfire response made by the Prime Minister. Refer to <https://twitter.com/ScottMorrisonMP/status/1213330419044638722>

As stated by the Prime Minister, the costs of the 50-second video with the post is not sponsored by the Liberal Part of Australia. As such I request:

- the cost (or estimated cost) for staff of producing the video
- the cost (or estimated cost) for paying off licensing such as Stock Images, Videos, Music

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.

Document searches undertaken by the Department

The Department conducted searches of documents held by the Department to determine if the Department held a document within the scope of the specific terms of your request. The Department did not locate a document within the scope of your request.

Decision

I have decided to refuse your request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

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

- the terms of your request;
- searches undertaken in relation to your request;
- the provisions of the FOI Act;
- consultation with the Department's FOI advisers; and
- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act ('the FOI Guidelines').

My reasons are set out below.

Reasons for decision

Section 24A(1) of the FOI Act provides that:

An agency or Minister may refuse a request for access to a document if:

(a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document; and

(b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:

- (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found; or*
- (ii) does not exist.*

I am satisfied that the Department has taken all reasonable steps to identify documents relevant to your request and that no documents relevant to your request (if they exist) are held by the Department. I have therefore decided to refuse your request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

Processing and access charges

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

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/reviews-and-complaints/make-an-foi-complaint/>.



Dana Robertson
Assistant Secretary
Communications Branch

4 February 2020