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Dear Andrew

FOI application

Thank you for your email received today, 16 January 2020 in relation to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the ACT Electoral Commission.

The default period for processing FOI request applications is 20 working days after the request has been received, if no consultation is required in order to process the request. If you, as the applicant, are notified that a relevant third party is being consulted as part of the processing of the request, the period is extended by an additional 15 working days.

Unfortunately, I as the FOI Information Officer for the ACT Electoral Commission, will be embarking on a period of leave at COB today, 16 January 2020, returning full-time on 3 February 2020. In accordance with the ACT Ombudsman's FOI guidelines, respondents may negotiate with the applicant for extra time to process an access application.

Accordingly, I seek your agreement to commence the 20 working days on 3 February 2020. If agreed you should then expect a decision in relation to your FOI request by 28 February 2020 (if no consultation is required), or 20 March 2020 if a relevant third party is to be consulted.

You will be advised early in the process if a third party consultation is being engaged.

Please consider this request and respond accordingly.

If you would like to contact me directly on this matter, please do so at rohan.spence@act.gov.au or on 02 6205 0224.

Yours sincerely



Ro Spence
Acting Electoral Commissioner

16 January 2020