



Australian Government

Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 1511

Ms Vanessa Teague
Right to Know

Via email: foi+request-6092-55d06380@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Teague

NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request of 23 January 2020 to the Department of Health (department), seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to the following documents:

"All correspondence (including by email) dated 14th Sep 2018, from the Secretary of the Department of Health to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne concerning the re-identification of data."

I am authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

Decision

I have identified one document falling within the terms of your request. The document is set out in the Schedule at Attachment A.

I have decided to grant access to the document in full.

Review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for an internal review or Australian Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner) review of the decision.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this notice (or such further period as the department allows). Where possible please provide reasons why you consider review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer of this department within 30 days.

An application for an internal review should be addressed to:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au

OR

Mail: FOI Unit (MDP 516)
Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information Commissioner Review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review must be made in writing within 60 days of this notice (if you do not request an internal review).

The Australian Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 363 992

More about the Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) website at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews/>.

You may also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about action taken by the department in relation to your application. Further information can be obtained from the OAIC website.

Relevant provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in this letter, can be accessed from the Federal Register of Legislation website:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00288>.

Publication

You should be aware that where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The department will however, not publish information (such as personal or business information) where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at:
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log>.

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter, you should contact the FOI unit on (02) 6289 1666 or email FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SP' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Shane Porter
Assistant Secretary
Data & Analytics Branch

26 February 2020

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS - FOI-1511

ATTACHMENT A

Document no.	Date	Size	Description	Decision on access¹	Exemption
1	14.09.2018	3	Letter to Professor Glyn Davis AC	R	

¹ R: Release in full.