



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Ms Karen Dearne
Right to Know

By email: foi+request-63-f2bc2d48@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Dearne

Freedom of Information Request: No. 175-1213

The Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) has received your email dated 13 February 2013, in which you made a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), seeking access to:

'a copy of the eHealth Memorandum of Understanding which replaces the National Partnership on E-Health which expired on end of June 2012'

Timeframe for receiving your decision

The statutory timeframe for processing a request is 30 calendar days from the date upon which your application was received in the Department. This timeframe may be extended where:

- we need to negotiate with you on the scope or wording of your request in circumstances where we are unable to process your request in its original form;
- charges are levied as prescribed by the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations*;
- consultation with third parties is necessary.

Charges

Agencies may decide that an applicant is liable to pay a charge in respect of a request for access to documents. If the Department decides to charge you in respect of this FOI request, we will send you a preliminary assessment of the charges as soon as possible.

Consultation with third parties

The Department may be required under the Act to consult other parties (third parties) where information relating to third parties arises in documents sought by your request. The Act prescribes a further 30 calendar days processing time for the Department to undertake this consultation. You will be advised of any requirement to consult with a third party.

Publication

In accordance with Government policy agencies are required to publish information which has been released under FOI on the agencies' disclosure log. The disclosure log requirement does not apply to personal information about a person or where it is considered unreasonable to publish information about a business or the commercial, financial or professional affairs of any person.

The Department will write again when we have further information on your request. For your reference, information on FOI processing can be found at the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at http://www.oaic.gov.au/foi-portal/about_foi.html.

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter, or have any queries throughout the process, please contact me on (02) 6289 1666 or e-mail FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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