



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Ms Karen Dearne
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Dear Ms Dearne

Freedom of Information Request No. 175-1213

I refer to your email of 18 March 2013 to Mr Schreiber in relation to the charges associated with your request for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to a copy of the eHealth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which replaces the National Partnership on eHealth which expired in June 2012.

This letter sets out my decision in relation to your request for waiver of the charges. I am an authorised decision-maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Decision

I have decided to waive the charges in full. In making my decision in accordance with section 29(5) of the FOI Act, I considered the following:

Financial hardship:

- Your email of 18 March 2013 does not suggest that financial hardship is a relevant factor in this case.

Public interest:

- Your submission in support of a waiver of charges;
- The public interest in persons exercising their legal right to access information in the possession of government as recognised in the FOI Act;
- The public interest in promoting accountability and transparency in government operations; and
- Whether the document relates to a matter of public debate, the disclosure of which would assist public comment or participation.

Effect of my decision

As a consequence of this decision you are not required to pay any charges in respect of your application for access to the eHealth MOU. The Department's time for processing your request will recommence as of the date of my decision.

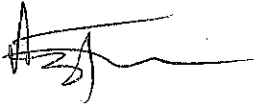
Review rights

You are entitled to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your application. Your rights are attached.

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Liz Forman', written over a horizontal line.

Liz Forman
Assistant Secretary
eHealth Strategy and Policy Branch
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8 April 2013

The Australian Information Commissioner contact details:

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You may make a complaint to the Australian Information commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your application. In the event that you make a complaint, the complaint needs to be in writing and identify the agency against whom the complaint is made. There is no particular form required to make a complaint, but the complaint should set out the grounds on which you consider the action should be investigated.