



**Australian Government**  
**Attorney-General's Department**

Our ref: FOI20/080; CM20/5739

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Mr John Smith  
By email: [foi+request-6366-79be96a3@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-6366-79be96a3@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Smith

**Freedom of Information Request FOI20/080 – Decision Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

**Your Request**

On 29 May 2020, you requested access to:

*I seek a copy of the termination email sent to Terry Carney in the month of September 2017.*

*The email is referenced within this article: <https://www.crikey.com.au/2019/09/25/how-a-government-tamed-the-aat/>*

On 9 June 2020, the Attorney-General's Department (the department) acknowledged your request. You were also notified that your request had been transferred to the department as the agency responsible for this matter.

A decision in relation to your request is due on 29 June 2020.

**My Decision**

I am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to freedom of information requests made to the Attorney-General's Department (the department).

I have identified two documents that fall within the scope of your request. I did this by making inquiries of staff likely to be able to identify relevant documents and arranging for comprehensive searches of relevant departmental electronic and hard copy holdings.

In making my decision regarding access to the relevant documents, I have taken the following material into account:

- the terms of your request
- the content of the documents identified as within scope of your request
- the provisions of the FOI Act
- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

I have decided to release one document in full and one in part.

### **Additional Information**

Your review rights under the FOI Act are set out at **Attachment A** to this letter.

The Schedule of Documents at **Attachment B** sets out brief information about each document within the scope of your request and my decision in relation to access to each of those documents.


The Statement of Reasons at **Attachment C** sets out the reasons for my decision to refuse access to certain material to which you have requested access.

The documents to which I have decided to grant full or partial access under the FOI Act are at **Attachment D**.

### **Questions about this decision**

If you wish to discuss this decision, the FOI case officer for this matter is Julia, who can be reached at [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Review Rights  
Attachment B: Schedule of Documents  
Attachment C: Statement of Reasons  
Attachment D: Documents