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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

REQUEST BY: RF

**DECISION BY: Ms Celeste Moran
Assistant Secretary
Legal Policy Branch**

By email: foi+request-6733-9171a307@righttoknow.org.au

Dear RF

I refer to your email of 19 September 2020 in which you made a request (the **FOI request**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the **Department**) in the following terms:

Under the FOI Act I request a copy of the documents:

- referred to in paragraph 4 of the Information Commissioner's decision here <http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/cth/AICmr//2020/42.html> , and that were
- provided/attempted to be provided to the applicant before the end of Thursday 10 September 2020.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make this decision in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department's Secretary under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Decision

The Department has identified five documents within the scope of your request (the **requested documents**), namely the documents that were the subject of the decision by the Information Commissioner in 'VG' and *Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Freedom of information)* [2020] AICmr 42. These documents were released by the Department and published on the Department's FOI disclosure log at: https://www.pmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/foi-log/FOI-2017-137_Redacted.pdf.

I have decided to release the requested documents to you.

A schedule of the documents for release is at Attachment A, and copies of the documents for release are attached.

Processing and access charges

I have decided not to impose charges in respect of your request.

Publication of the documents

Under section 11C of the FOI Act, the Department will make arrangements to publish the documents released to you on the Department's FOI Disclosure Log.

Review rights

Information about your rights of review under the FOI Act is available at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

Complaint rights

You may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to a request. Making a complaint about the way the Department has handled an FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of the Department's decision. Further information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/make-an-foi-complaint/>.

Yours sincerely



Celeste Moran
Assistant Secretary
Legal Policy Branch

19 October 2020



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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

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Document	Date	Description	Number of pages	Decision
2	13/07/2016	Email	1	Release in full.
6	12/08/2016	Email	2	Release in full.
12	12/04/2017	Email	3	Release in full.
13	04/05/2017	Email	3	Release in full.
20	10/08/2017	Email	2	Release in full.