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Mr Ben Fairless
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Dear Mr Fairless

Your Freedom of Information Request to the Australian Federal Police

I refer to your application dated 12 July 2014, in which you seek access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

I confirm your Freedom of Information request was received by the AFP on 12 July 2014. The AFP is experiencing an increase in the volume of freedom of information applications. This high demand for access to documents coupled with staff movements has impacted on case officer workloads and accordingly, the AFP anticipates it will be unable to process your application within the initial 30 day statutory time limit.

Based on our experience in processing freedom of information applications, the AFP envisages that we will be unable to advise you of a decision by 11 August 2014. This anticipated delay is regrettable and I apologise for any inconvenience it may cause however, please be assured the AFP will continue to process your application as quickly as possible to minimise any delay to you.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 15AA of the Act, I am seeking your agreement to extend the period by 30 days to notify you of a decision by 10 September 2014. It would be appreciated if you would advise this office in writing of your agreement to the proposed extension of time so we may inform the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

You will be notified of any charges in accordance with the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations*, should they apply, in relation to your request as soon as practicable.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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

On behalf of Coordinator
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