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Dear Vanessa

Decision notice on your access application

I refer to your access application made under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (FOI Act), dated 25 September 2020. This application requested access to: "documents held by the Commission in relation to the 2020 electronic voting system. Specifically...the independent audit certificate, the independent audit certificate report, and any other document on which the commissioner based his assessment that the program will not allow a person to find out how a particular elector cast his or her vote."

Authority

I am an officer authorised by the ACT Electoral Commissioner to make decisions about access to public sector information, in accordance with section 18 of the FOI Act.

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I have identified eight documents containing information within the scope of your access application. These are outlined in the attached *Schedule of documents*.

I have decided to:

- grant full access to 4 documents
- grant part access to 4 documents

For the reasons outlined in the attached *Reasons for decision*, I have refused access to some of the information that you have requested under section 35(1)(c) of the FOI Act. This is because it is contrary to the public interest information.

Disclosure of information

The documents are attached.

Disclosure log

Please note that section 28 of the FOI Act requires publication of access applications and any information subsequently released on our disclosure log www.elections.act.gov.au/about_us/freedom_of_information

This means that if access to the information is granted, it will also be made available to everyone on our website, unless the access application is an application for your personal, business, commercial, financial or professional information.

Review rights

You may apply to the ACT Ombudsman to review my decision under section 73 of the FOI Act. An application for review must be made within 20 days of receipt of this decision notice.

You may submit a request for review of my decision to the ACT Ombudsman by writing in one of the following ways:

Email (preferred): actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

Post: The ACT Ombudsman GPO Box 442 CANBERRA ACT 2601

More information about ACT Ombudsman review is available on the ACT Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/improving-the-act/freedom-of-information

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ro Spence', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ro Spence
Deputy Electoral Commissioner

13 November 2020