



Australian Government
Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 017-1415

Ben Fairless

Via email: foi+request-697-b644b059@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Fairless

NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request of 16 July 2014 to the Department of Health (Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) made in the following terms:

I am writing to you to request information pertaining to your Information Technology infrastructure.

Namely, I am after records detailing the IPv4 (and if relevant, IPv6) addresses used to access the public internet from within your network.

To clarify, these are the public facing addresses of your private network. I am only requesting addresses that are used to access the general public internet.

In addition, if it is such that a particular IP address serves a particular area within your department (for example, one IP address is used for Media Relations, while another is used for Ministerial Communications), I also request access to this information.

To assist you in locating this information, I suggest it would be found in network documentation or at the very least in configuration files of your router and firewall equipment.

Decision

The information you sought access to is registered on the apnic.net IP register and, as you indicated, is configured in the Department's internet gateway firewalls. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act I requested the relevant information be extracted from these sources. I have decided to release the information to you in the following paragraph:

The Department of Health's outbound external Internet traffic is addressed from within the Health network to the Internet on a single IPv4 address which is 152.91.9.9.

Review rights

You are entitled to seek review of this decision.

Your review rights are set out at Attachment A.

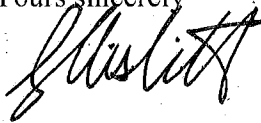
Relevant provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions relevant to your request can be accessed from the ComLaw website using the following link: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2014C00122>

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact the Department's FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666 or via email at FOI@health.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Aisbitt', written over the typed name.

Gary Aisbitt
Assistant Secretary
IT Support & Service Delivery Branch
15 August 2014

ATTACHMENT A

YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you have certain rights of review available to you. You can apply for either Internal Review or Australian Information Commissioner (AIC) review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking AIC review:

- if you choose Internal Review, you can still apply for AIC review if you are dissatisfied with the Internal Review decision;
- if you choose AIC review, you will not be able to seek Internal Review of that decision and your only avenue will then be AAT review.

Details of the review options are set out below.

Internal Review

Under section 54B of the FOI Act, you may apply for an Internal Review of the decision. Your application must be made within 30 days of you receiving this notice (or such further period as the Department allows), or where access is granted to some documents and not others, 30 days after receiving this decision notice or 15 days of you receiving the documents to which you have been granted access (if any) – whichever is the longer period.

An Internal Review will be conducted by a different officer of this Department. No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out in the application the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be overturned. An application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

FOI Coordinator (MDP 350)
Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Email: FOI@health.gov.au

Australian Information Commissioner Review

Alternatively you may apply in writing for review by the Australian Information Commissioner. The AIC can be contacted at:

E-mail: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 363 992

In making your application you need to provide:

- an address for notices to be sent (this can be an email address); and
- a copy of this decision

An application for AIC review must be made within 30 days of this notice (if you do not request an Internal Review) or within 30 days of notice of the Internal Review decision.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal review

You may also apply to the AAT for review of a decision made on Australian Information Commissioner review with which you are dissatisfied. (Note: if you are dissatisfied with an Internal Review decision you must apply for AIC review.)

The AAT is a completely independent review body with the power to make a fresh decision. Your application to the AAT should be accompanied by an application fee - currently \$861, which may be reduced in some instances.

The AAT has a help desk to advise on its procedures. More information is available on the AAT's website www.aat.gov.au.

Processing Complaints to the Australian Information Commissioner

You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your application. 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.