



24 July 2014

Our reference: LEX 9492

Mr Ben Fairless
By email: foi+request-698-704f96e6@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Fairless,

Your Freedom of Information Request

1. I refer to the request that you have made for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act). I have taken your request to be for:

"...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".

2. Your request was received by the department on 16 July 2014 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 15 August 2014. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.
3. The department will advise you if a charge is payable to process your request and the amount of any such charge as soon as practicable. No charge is payable for providing a person with their own personal information.

Your Address

4. The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address which we can send notices to. You have advised that your electronic address is foi+request-698-704f96e6@righttoknow.org.au. We will send all notices and correspondence to this address. Please advise us if you wish correspondence to be sent to another address or if your address changes as soon as possible. If you do not advise us of changes to your address, correspondence and notices will continue to be sent to the address specified above.

Disclosure Log

5. Please note that information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the department's website. Section 11C of the FOI Act requires this publication, however it is subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable.

Exclusion of junior departmental officers details

6. The department is working towards ensuring that all employees have a choice about whether they provide their full name and direct contact details in response to public enquiries. Where such details are included in the scope of a request, this may add to processing time and applicable charges as it may be necessary to consider whether the details are exempt under the FOI Act. On this basis, unless you tell us otherwise, we will assume that staff names, direct contact details and personal log-on identifiers are out of the scope of your request and they will be redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act.
7. Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me at FOI.Legal.Team@humanservices.gov.au. We will correspond with you by email in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely,



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