

19 April 2021

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Dear Lola,

Request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) from the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety).

As you know, you consulted with eSafety to revise the request you initially lodged on 18 February 2021 to ensure a practical refusal reason under section 24AA of the FOI Act did not exist.

You submitted a revised request on 19 March 2021 that we were able to process.

Summary

I, Toby Dagg, am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

You lodged the below FOI request with eSafety:

‘Any communications sent or received by the e-safety commissioner containing the following words or phrases: "NCOSE" "traffickinghub" "trafficking hub" or "exodus cry" from the period of March 2018-2021. Final documents only is fine.’

eSafety confirmed your reference to ‘communications’ to be emails or correspondence sent or received by the eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman Grant.

eSafety confirmed your reference to final documents to be final versions of the eSafety Commissioner’s communications.

eSafety confirmed the period of your request to be 1 March 2018 to 19 March 2021.

eSafety confirmed your request does not include news articles, complaints data or publicly available information.

Timeframe for processing

eSafety received your initial request on 18 February 2021 and the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date.

We then gave you notice of a request consultation process on 19 February 2021 and undertook an extended consultation with you. Under section 24AB of the FOI Act, the period from that notice until your revised request on 19 March 2021 is to be disregarded. The time period therefore concludes on 19 April 2021.

We are providing you a response within the statutory timeframe.

Decision

eSafety took all reasonable steps to obtain these documents, including contacting relevant individuals and asking them to provide any documents relating to the matter outlined in your request.

I have not identified any documents that fall within the scope of your request.

Final assessment of charges

I have decided that you are not liable to pay a charge in respect of your request.

Your rights of review

The FOI Act provides rights of review for decisions where access is either refused or granted to documents (Part VI and Part VII of the FOI Act). However, as there are no documents falling within the scope of your request, review does not apply.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact me on 1800 880 176 or at enquiries@esafety.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Toby Dagg
Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Authorised decision maker pursuant to section 23(1) of the FOI Act