



Our Ref LS5097 ~ file 14/654

Mr Peter Lawler By email to

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Dear Mr Lawler

RE YOUR PURPORTED FOI REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT VERSION OF VISUALBASIC USED IN EASYCOUNT SOFTWARE

I refer to your email of 16 July 2014 9:22 PM in which you purport to make a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the 'FOI Act') to be informed as to which version of VisualBasic ('VB') is used in relation to EasyCount.

YOUR PURPORTED FOI REQUEST

- The reason why this is not a valid request under the FOI Act is that subsection 11(1) of the FOI Act gives access to documents as distinct from access to information.
- 3 Subsection 11(1) of the FOI Act provides:
 - 11 Right of access
 - (1) Subject to this Act, every person has a legally enforceable right to obtain access in accordance with this Act to:
 - (a) a document of an agency, other than an exempt document; or
 - (b) an official document of a Minister, other than an exempt document.
- 4 You have asked for information, namely information about which version of VisualBasic ('VB') is used in relation to EasyCount. It follows that you are not making a request for access under the FOI Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE

- The AEC has no objection to answering your question. The AEC currently uses the version of VisualBasic in C# (c-sharp) .NET.
- 6 I hope that this information satisfies your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Paul Pirani

Chief Legal Officer

17 July 2014