



Australian Government
Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 021-1415

Mr Martin Hardie

Via email: foi+request-717-6e0fdeb9@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Hardie

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT

I am writing to notify you in accordance with paragraph 15(5)(a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) of receipt on 23 July 2014 by the Department of Health (the Department) of your request for access under the FOI Act to:

all documents including correspondence, briefings file notes and telephone records of communications made between 1 January 2013 and 30 September 2013 between:

- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and Prime Minister and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet;*
- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Minister for Sport; and*
- - the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Minister and Department for Justice;*
- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority; and*
- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Australian Football League, including its Commissioners (in either their private or official capacities); and*
- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Australian Sports Commission, including its Board members (in either their private or official capacities); and*
- the Department (including Mr Richard Eccles and his staff) and the Australian Crime Commission;*

in relation to the proposed or actual investigation by ASADA into the Essendon Football Club, including the joint press conference held on 7 February 2013, and the arrangements for the AFL ASADA joint investigation.

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Your request will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the FOI Act, under which, the Department is required by paragraph 15(5)(b) to take all reasonable steps to notify you of a decision not later than 30 calendar days after the above receipt date.

In the case of your request, the due date for a decision is 22 August 2014 unless the 30 day period is extended for the reasons summarised below.

The 30-day period may be extended where either:

- we notify you that you are liable to pay a charge; or
- we are required to consult a third party,

in either of which you will be advised and given more details.

The time period may also be extended with your written agreement.

You can access the FOI Act at the following website:

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2014C00122>

The Department will be in contact with you in the near future about the processing of your request, including if you will be required to pay a charge or if we need to consult a third party. You can contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666, or via email at FOI@health.gov.au, should you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

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Legal Services Branch

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