



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Reference: FOI/PMO/2021/034

Mr Luke Bacon

By email: [foi+request-7413-d0df7df5@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-7413-d0df7df5@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Bacon

I refer to your email, dated 10 June 2021 and made to the Office of the Prime Minister (the **Office**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the **FOI Act**) in the following terms:

*I would like to request email communication, during 2020 or 2021, that relates or refers to the establishing or maintenance of the current message that is automatically sent to people who email, 'Scott.Morrison.MP@aph.gov.au'. To help you identify the message I am referring to, it includes the text, 'This email is no longer operational and is not monitored.'*

***Authorised decision-maker***

I am authorised to make a decision in this matter on the Prime Minister's behalf.

***Decision***

I have decided to refuse your request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act, on the basis that reasonable searches have been undertaken for the documents you are seeking, and I am satisfied that they do not exist.

In making my decision, I have had regard to the following:

- the terms of your request;
- searches undertaken in relation to your FOI request;
- the provisions of the FOI Act; and
- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act ('the Guidelines').

My reasons are set out below.

***Reasons for decision***

Section 24A(1) of the FOI Act provides that an agency or Minister may refuse a request for access to a document if:

- (a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document; and
- (b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:
  - (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found; or
  - (ii) does not exist.

Relevant staff in the Office were asked to search for any documents in the possession of the Office which came within the scope of your request. As a result of these searches, no documents within the scope of your request were identified.

I am therefore satisfied that the Office has taken all reasonable steps to identify documents relevant to your request, and that documents within the scope of your request do not exist.

***Review rights***

Information about your rights of review is available at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harris', written in a cursive style.

John Harris  
Senior Adviser

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