



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

Our ref: FOI21/073; CM21/3285

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Mr John Smith

By email: foi+request-7323-21cfe8bb@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Smith

Freedom of Information Request FOI21/073 – Decision letter

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) which you submitted to the Attorney-General's Department (the department).

Your request

On 11 May 2021, you requested the following details:

- *The total number of contractors working in the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Program within the Department;*
- *The total costs associated with onboarding the contractors in the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Program;*
- *The total costs for wages paid by the Department for the term of the contractors employment;*
- *The current number of outstanding internal reviews being conducted by the Reviews Team;*
- *The total number of staff members in the Reviews Team (including contractors and non-ongoing staff); and*
- *The total number of cases allocated to each staff member in the Reviews team.*

A decision in relation to your request is due on 10 June 2021.

My decision

I am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to freedom of information requests made to the Attorney-General's Department (the department).

Section 17 of the FOI Act relevantly provides:

(1) *Where:*

- (a) *a request...is made in accordance with the requirements of subsection 15(2) to an agency;*
- (b) *it appears from the request that the desire of the applicant is for information that is not available in discrete form in written documents of the agency; and*
- (c) *the agency could produce a written document containing the information in discrete form by:*

(i) the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information...

the agency shall deal with the request as if it were a request for access to a written document so produced and containing that information and, for that purpose, this Act applies as if the agency had such a document in its possession.

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the department has used its computer systems to produce one document that contains information in response to your request.

Additional information

Your review rights under the FOI Act are set out at **Attachment A** to this letter. The document to which I have decided to grant full access under the FOI Act is at **Attachment B**.

If you wish to discuss this decision, the FOI case officer for this matter is Euphrasia, who can be reached on (02) 6141 6666 or by email to foi@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Antony Catt
Director
Freedom of Information and Privacy Section

Attachments

Attachment A: Review rights



Attachment A - FOI Review rights

If you are dissatisfied with the decision of the Attorney-General's Department (the department), you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision.

The department encourages applicants to consider seeking internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), applications for internal review must be made in writing within 30 days of the date of the decision letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

email: foi@ag.gov.au

post: Freedom of Information and Privacy Section
Strategy and Governance Branch
Attorney-General's Department
3-5 National Circuit BARTON ACT 2600

An officer of the department other than the officer who made the original decision will complete the internal review within 30 days of receipt of your request.

Providing reasons you believe internal review of the decision is necessary will facilitate the completion of the internal review.

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of the decision letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online: https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=ICR_10

email: foidr@oaic.gov.au

post: GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001

More information about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.