



Our ref: FOI21/087; CM21/83737

12 July 2021

Melissa Jones

By email: foi+request-7422-66c5a7a5@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Jones

Freedom of Information Request FOI21/087 – 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 June 2021, you requested access to:

*...a dollar figure for the last 5 financial years' general ledger for the department.
We are not asking for the details being the GL just the expenditure by line item for the department
for the 5 years*

On 25 June 2021, the department acknowledged your request.

On 6 July 2021, the department advised you the information you are seeking is consolidated within the department's annual report publications, available publicly on the department's website.

As the department did not receive your agreement to the formal withdraw of your FOI request by 8 July 2021, the department has continued with processing of your request under the FOI Act.

A decision in relation to your request is due on 12 July 2021.

My decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to freedom of information requests made to the department.

I have identified 5 documents that fall within the scope of your request. I did this by making inquiries of staff likely to be able to identify relevant documents and arranging for comprehensive searches of relevant departmental electronic and hard copy holdings.

In making my decision regarding access to the relevant documents, I have taken the following material into account:

- the terms of your request
- the content of the documents identified as within scope of your request
- the provisions of the FOI Act, and

- the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act.

I have decided to grant access to the documents you have requested in full.

Additional information

Your review rights under the FOI Act are set out at **Attachment A** to this letter.

The schedule of documents at **Attachment B** sets out brief information about each document within the scope of your request and my decision in relation to access to each of those documents.

The documents to which you I have decided to grant access under the FOI Act are at **Attachment C**.

Questions about this decision

If you wish to discuss this decision, the FOI case officer for this matter is Mila, 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 B: Schedule of documents
Attachment C: Documents



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/>