



Administrative Appeals Tribunal

FOI ref: 2021/0101

6 July 2021

Ms Melissa Jones
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Dear Ms Jones,

Notice of Decision for Freedom of Information Request no. 2021/0101

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you have requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*.

Summary

I am an officer authorised under s 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

You lodged an FOI request to the Immigration Assessment Authority (IAA) on 11 June 2021 for access to *'a dollar figure for the last 5 financial years general ledger for the department; not the details being the GL just the expenditure by line item for the department for the 5 years.'*

On 25 June 2021, the IAA transferred this request to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) under section 16 of the FOI Act.

I have processed your request in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act. Section 17 enables agencies to process a request if the requested information does not already exist in a discrete document and instead, can be produced in a report designed to contain the information.

The attached document contains a record of the Immigration Assessment Authority's expenditure by line item for the financial years 1 July 2016 until 31 May 2021.

Decision

I have decided to release this document to you in full.

I have taken the following into account in making my decision:

- your email received on 11 June 2021
- the FOI Act

- the guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under s 93A of the FOI Act.

Your review rights

Information about how you can apply for a review of this decision or complain about how we have dealt with this matter is set out in the attached fact sheet, FOI 2.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact me at foi@aat.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Authorised FOI Officer (APS 6)

Attachments

FOI 2 – Information about reviews and complaints under the Freedom of Information Act

Information about reviews and complaints under the Freedom of Information Act

What should I do prior to applying for internal review or contacting the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Before you apply for an internal review or contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, we recommend that you telephone the officer who made the FOI decision. It is often possible to resolve concerns or answer your questions using this approach and, if not, the officer will be able to assist you in applying for review.

How do I apply for internal review to the AAT?

You can apply to us for an internal review of the FOI decision. The application for internal review must be made within 30 days or such further period as we allow, after the day the decision is notified to you. To apply for an internal review you must do so in writing. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. A different and more senior officer authorised under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) will conduct the internal review and make a new decision within 30 days after receipt of your application.

If you have already applied for internal review and want to seek a further review of that decision, you will need to apply to the Australian Information Commissioner.

How do I apply for review to the Australian Information Commissioner?

You may also apply directly to the Australian Information Commissioner for review of the FOI decision. The application for review must be made within 60 days after the day notice of the decision was given. An application for review must be in writing, include details of how notices in relation to the review are to be sent to you and include a copy of the decision. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. An online application form is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website, details of which are provided below.

What if I want to make a complaint about the handling of a Freedom of Information request?

If you have a complaint about the way in which we have processed your request for access under the FOI Act you can ask the Australian Information Commissioner to investigate. An online complaint form is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website, details of which are provided below.

Where can I find further information or contact details for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Further information is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at www.oaic.gov.au and you can contact the office on 1300 363 992 or by email at enquiries@oaic.gov.au.