



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
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FOI/2013/033

Mr James Gray
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Dear Mr Gray

I write in relation to your email of 13 March 2013 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to documents in the following terms:

IT IS MY WILL that you provide me with evidence that the corporation registered in the United States of America as the Commonwealth of Australia [...] is the same organisation as the Commonwealth of Australia, which is authorized in the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution [...] by the Queen of England and her successors.

IT IS MY WILL that you provide me with evidence that shows where the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution authorizes the Commonwealth of Australia to become a corporation registered in the United States of America.

IT IS MY Will that a referendum be held that gives the electors of Australia the opportunity to vote for or against the Commonwealth of Australia being a registered corporation in the United States of America. This request only applies if the Commonwealth of Australia, registered in the United States of America as a corporation, is the same organisation as the Commonwealth of Australia that is our Government.

The FOI Act provides a mechanism to transfer requests to another agency where the documents sought are in the possession of another agency (section 16(1)(a) of the FOI Act) or the subject-matter of the request is more closely connected with the functions of that agency (section 16(1)(b) of the FOI Act). This ensures that a decision on the request is made by the most appropriate agency.

Having regard to the documents listed in the link you provided in your email to the web site of the US Securities and Exchange Commission it appears that those documents were lodged by or on behalf of the Treasury. Accordingly, the subject-matter of the request appears to be more closely connected with the functions of the Treasury.

The Treasury has accepted transfer of your request in full, in accordance with section 16(1)(b) of the FOI Act. If it has not already done so, I expect that the Treasury will contact you soon in relation to your request.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted by telephone on (02) 6271 5849 or by email at FOI@pmc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. S.', written in a cursive style.

FOI Adviser
Legal Policy Branch

3 April 2013