



Albert Frankaland

Via Right to Know:

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Dear Mr Frankaland

Decision made under the Freedom of Information Act 1982

I refer to your request to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (**the department**) received on 22 August 2021, for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*.

Your request sought access to:

Information from your documents held as to the current status of the covid vaccine rollout to citizens of the Jervis Bay Territory and whether there are any recorded cases in the population there so far. How many citizens of JBT have been vaccinated with 1st dose and with the 2nd. I would also like confirmation from documents as to the current numbers and percentage of the population of all other Australian external territories under your administration which have received their 1st and 2nd covid vaccinations.

Authority

I am an officer authorised by the Secretary to make decisions about access to documents in the possession of the department in accordance with s 23(1) of the FOI Act.

Decision

I have made a decision to release relevant information the department holds in full.

Documents subject to this request

The department does not hold a specific document/s that is relevant to your request, however, the information outlined below outlines the COVID 19 vaccination status across the three external territories and the Jervis Bay Territory (JBT).

There have been no reports of JBT residents testing positive to COVID 19. The department does not hold vaccination data for the JBT as NSW Health has administered the COVID 19 vaccines to JBT residents under their own state roll out. However, in partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Health, The Royal Flying Doctor Service and Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council, the department has led planning and coordination of a whole of community vaccination campaign. This campaign will enable all eligible JBT residents to be vaccinated over two separate one week periods (with three week gaps) which commenced on 30 August 2021.

Following the completion of this campaign, the department will retain vaccination data for those individuals who participated from JBT.



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Regional Development and Communications**

In relation to the three (3) external territories the department, in conjunction with the Department of Health, have coordinated whole of community vaccination programs. Information on current vaccination rates can be found in the table at **Schedule 1**.

Please note that the department does not currently hold up to date data on territory population numbers and is awaiting relevant Census information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics to assist in this. We are therefore unable to provide details on the percentage of population who have received COVID 19 vaccines.

Publication of information in the FOI disclosure log

Section 11C of the FOI Act requires publication of released documents on the Department's online FOI disclosure log, subject to certain exceptions, including where publication of personal, business, professional or commercial information would be unreasonable. I have decided that the document released will be published on the disclosure log.

Your rights of review

If you wish to seek an internal review, you must apply to the department within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. An application for internal review must be made in writing by post to the FOI Officer or email to FOI@infrastructure.gov.au.

Alternatively, you may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within **60 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. You can also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the Department handled your request. You can find information about requesting a review, making a complaint, and other information about FOI on the OAIC website www.oaic.gov.au or phone the OAIC on 1300 363 992.

Contacts

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact the department's FOI Coordinator on (02) 6274 7393 or via email at FOI@infrastructure.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Territories Division
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External Territory COVID 19 Vaccination Rates

Vaccine Roll Out DATA – External Territories																
			Week of 16/7 (total)		Week of 23/7 (total)		Week of 30/7 (total)		Week of 6/8 (total)		Week of 13/8 (total)		Week of 20/8 (total)		Week of 27/8 (total)	
Totals are accumulative																
	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab	1 st jab	2 nd jab
Norfolk Island																
Aged 16 +	415	7	871	13	1092	93	1221	412	1252	853	1252	865	1373	1187	1422	1240
Aged 12-15									1	0	1	0	4	0	86	0
Christmas Island																
Aged 16 +	718	0	870	0	886	224	933	551	987	746	1045	850	1072	890	1088	923
Aged 12-15											14	0	40	0	48	0
Cocos (Keeling) Islands																
Aged 16 +	306	0	372	0	389	113	399	220	423	319	433	339	439	364	445	380
Aged 12-15											0	0	17	0	19	0