



Our ref: F21/1720

Mr Vic Castro

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Dear Mr Castro

### Freedom of Information Section 17(2) Notice of Refusal

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) requesting access to:

*“The DHHS provides Covid-19 data downloads on its website [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-coronavirus-covid-19-data](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-coronavirus-covid-19-data) including all Victorian cases by acquired source. This shows the date of diagnosis and the source for each case. I request details for each case in this dataset that has the source “Contact with a confirmed case”, including the following: • Date of diagnosis • Details of the setting in which contact with a confirmed case occurred (e.g. own home, other residence, workplace, exposure site, other indoor setting, other outdoor setting). • Relationship between the new case and the confirmed case • Any other relevant information about how the case acquired Covid-19. This request is for the period from 11 March 2020 until the date this FOI request is processed”*

I also refer to my correspondence dated 3 September 2021 in which I requested that the application fee be provided or your request would be refused as it is not a valid request. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

As you have not responded to my correspondence, I formally advise you of my decision to refuse to process your application under section 17(2) of the Act, as it is not a valid FOI request.

### Complaint Rights

If you are not satisfied with my decision you have the right to apply to the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (the Commissioner) and make a complaint. A complaint needs to be made in writing within 60 days. I have enclosed a fact sheet providing further information on making a request for a complaint to the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Ghobrial**

Team Leader, Freedom of Information

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1. Fact Sheet – Office of the Victoria Information Commissioner – Complaints
2. Copy of previous section 17 correspondence