



25 June 2022

Ms Clare Amy BROWNLOW

Sent via email: foi+request-8163-30e395b8@righttoknow.org.au

In reply please quote:

Client Name: Umadeekshith NADESAN

Date of Birth: 25 May 1978

Client ID: 99039718690

FOI Request: FA 21/12/00534

File Number: OBJ2021/35934

Dear Ms BROWNLOW

Access Decision - Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Release of documents

Umadeekshith NADESAN (the applicant) has authorised you to receive, on their behalf, correspondence about their Freedom of Information (FOI) request. Correspondence will not be sent directly to the applicant. In this letter, references to 'you' relate to the applicant.

This letter refers to an access request received by the Department of Home Affairs ('the Department') under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) on 7 December 2021, seeking access to:

My request for information pertains to the following 1. I do not believe it was read in detail as I could see it was under consideration for less than 1 hour and it is a 200 page detailed document.

2. The generic cut and paste response to the rejection is not sufficient nor appreciated

Please provide actual feedback on what is missing from our application that resulted in a NOT EXEMPT.

Timeframe for processing your request

The FOI Act provides a statutory period for processing your request of 30 calendar days, unless an extension of time is agreed to, or provided for under a provision of the FOI Act.

According to section 15 of the FOI Act, the statutory timeframe for the processing of your request expired on 6 January 2022. The Department apologises for the delay in processing your request.

Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

Information considered

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;

- the Australian Information Commissioner's FOI guidelines relating to access to documents held by government;
- the terms of your request;
- Departmental documents, (identified below)

Decision

The Department has identified one (1) document that falls within the scope of your request. This document was in the possession of the Department on 7 December 2021 when your request was received.

My decision is to release in full the document in the possession of the Department, which falls within the scope of your request. A list of the document is below for your reference.

No.	Description	Reference (if applicable)	No. of folios
1.	TER0645611	ADD2022/3056026	08

Review rights

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of my decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a review request to the OAIC, please see FOI fact sheet 12 '*Freedom of information – Your review rights*', available online at www.oaic.gov.au.

How to make a complaint about the handling of this FOI request

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the Department has handled your request under the FOI Act. Information about how to submit a complaint is available at www.oaic.gov.au.

Contacting the FOI Section

If you wish to discuss this matter, I can be contacted using the details provided below.

Contacting the Department

You can contact us with an enquiry in a number of ways including by email, through our website; by telephone, through our Service Centres or offices around the world, or in person. In Australia you can call 13 18 81 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Details on submitting a webform, or contacting our offices outside Australia are available on our website at www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jean-David – Position No 60102411
FOI Officer
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Home Affairs

Attachments

- Documents released to you under the FOI Act