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Dear Lachlan

***Re. Freedom of Information Request***

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information in response to a request you made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

On 12 December 2021, you requested access to:

*“What progress has occurred on the eligibility and timeline around US global entry for Australia citizens / users of Australian Passports. Trials were previously flagged in Jan 2020. Has this now progressed that travel to US has resumed?”*

Under the FOI Act, the statutory period for notifying you of a decision on your request expired on 11 January 2022. You were not notified of a decision within the statutory period.

Pursuant to section 15AC of the FOI Act, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Department) is taken to have made a decision refusing to give you access to the requested documents on 11 January 2022.

The Department apologises for not providing you with a decision within the statutory period.

***Statement of reasons***

Thorough searches conducted by the Department found no discrete documents relevant to your request.

After taking all reasonable steps to find the documents you requested, I am satisfied that the documents do not exist. If your request was processed within the statutory period, I would have refused it under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

***Further information***

The functions of the Department of Home Affairs are more closely aligned with the subject matter of your request.

Information on how to make an FOI request to the Department of Home Affairs can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/foi/Pages/how-to-make-a-request.aspx>

Your review rights are attached for your reference. The above statement of reasons provides you with additional information in relation to your request.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the FOI and Privacy Law Section by email to: [foi@dfat.gov.au](mailto:foi@dfat.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tom van Kints', written over a horizontal line.

Tom van Kints  
A/g Director  
Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section

## Your review rights

### *Australian Information Commissioner*

The period for seeking an Information Commissioner review expires 60 days after the day you were taken to be notified of the decision, being 60 days after 11 January 2022 (section 54L of the FOI Act). You can apply to the Information Commissioner for an extension of time to make an Information Commissioner review application (section 54T of the FOI Act).

You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision (section 70 of the FOI Act). Making such a complaint about the way the Department has handled your FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of my decision.

Further information on applying for an Australian Information Commissioner review is available at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process>

Further information about how to make a complaint is available at: <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>