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**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 21/12/00505

File Number: OBJ2021/35848

Dear Upendra Marri

**Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision**

On 13 December 2021, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to document under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

**1 Scope of request**

You have requested access to the following documents:

- 1- *How many people are waiting for ceremony (with Citizenship approval) in Victoria Park Council area as at 13 December 2021*
- 2- *How many ceremonies are conducted from 1 January 2021 till date, and number of invites sent for each ceremony conducted in Victoria Park Council.*
- 3- *Number of Citizenship applications (of people from Victoria Park Council area) approved each month from 1 January 2021 till date*

**2 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 document or to amend or annotate records.

**3 Relevant material**

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act

- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)

#### **4 Document in scope of request**

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 13 December 2021 when your FOI request was received.

Note: With regards to the second part of question two, we are unable to provide the number of invites sent for each ceremony as this data is not available through the ordinary use of a computer system. We have instead provided the number of conferees who attended each ceremony as per Table 1.

#### **5 Decision**

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which falls within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full

#### **6 Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

#### **7 Your 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 this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

#### **8 Making a Complaint**

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Email [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

## 9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi@homeaffairs.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

***[signed electronically]***

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Position No 60100052  
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