

Buko

Via email: foi+request-8293-77c468f7@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Buko

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 13 January 2022, in which you are seeking information access to:

Documents including but not limited to emails, text messages or briefs with information about the supply of RATs to ACT Ministers or their offices by the ACT Education and Training Directorate in the months December 2021 and January 2022.

On 17 January an email was sent seeking clarity to your scope as it was ambiguous in its meaning. On 24 January your email was received (sent 10:30 PM Friday 21 January) which confirmed your scope to be:

Documents including but not limited to emails, text messages or briefs to ACT Ministers or their offices by the ACT Education Directorate in the months December 2021 and January 2022 about the supply of RATs to those offices or their ministers.

With the additional information that *'for clarity this is about the supply of RAT Tests for the use of those offices.'* Thank you for this explanation of your scope.

The Directorate is processing your request and in accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, we will provide you with a decision on access to documents within the terms of your request, within 20 working days of receipt, being 22 February 2022.

Please be aware that FOI request timeframes may be impacted by COVID-19, and whilst we are continuing to work to meet statutory timeframes, this may not be possible in all instances. We are committed, to working with you to respond as best we can under the current circumstances. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and will notify you if a delay becomes necessary.

Third Party Consultation

In processing your application, consultation with relevant third parties may be required. If this is the case, you will be notified to this effect and advised of a revised decision due date in respect of your application. In line with the Act, if third party consultation is required, the due date is extended by 15 working days.

Open Access Information

The Act requires that details regarding access requests such as the application, decision notices, and information released, must be recorded in the agency's disclosure log and be made publicly available between three and ten working days after a decision on access has been given to the applicant. Please be aware that your personal information, such as your identity and contact details, will be withheld from publication.

Please contact me on 02 6205 0720 or email educationfoi@act.gov.au if you require any further information regarding your request.

Yours sincerely,



Julia Bowden
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Governance and Legal Liaison

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