

28 January 2022
Ms Eliza Sorensen

By email: foi+request-8305-422a75a9@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Eliza Sorensen,

Freedom of Information Request

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act) that the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) received on 14 January 2022 (FOI request).

We also note our correspondence to you on 25 January 2022.

Scope of your request

We understand your request is for:

'All documents which are:

- generated by or received by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, or by the eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant acting in her professional capacity, or by the agents of the Office who handle invitations and communications functions (whether those functions are in-house or outsourced);
- including internal or external correspondence, meeting requests, briefings or research, database entries, diary or calendar notes, minutes of meetings, policies or manuals, accommodation or travel documentation, invoices or receipts, and/or delegations of work;
- covering the period beginning 1 January 2017, and ending on the date you confirm your receipt of this FOI request;

relating to the topic described below:

I refer you to an email dated 22 September 2021 from a staff member of eSafety to Julie Inman Grant. This document was released as "Document 4" in response to my previous FOI request relating to the eSafety Commissioner's engagement with the organisation NCOSE (National Centre on Sexual Exploitation).

In that document, the unidentified staff member says:

"I looked into this earlier because this podcast/interview did not go via media or invites - although we had one for CESE back in early July so it's quite possible I was on leave when it was going through the invitations discussion.

[...]

We did a hunt on NCOSE. I know that we have participated with them before as I remember [redacted] has spoken of them."

You provided further information stating that you are seeking:

'all documents relating to the engagement with NCOSE referred to by the staff member in this email. It appears from context the staff member is referring to a different event than the "Ending Sexual Exploitation" podcast recorded in July in connection with NCOSE's CESE (Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation) Summit.'

We understand the time period for your request to be 1 January 2017 to 14 January 2022, which is the day we confirmed receipt of your FOI request.

We have assumed that you will not require the names of public servants, which we will therefore redact on relevance grounds pursuant to section 22 of the FOI Act.

Please let us know if any of the scope as outlined above is not correct. eSafety intends to process your request pursuant to this understanding.

Charges

The processing charges which eSafety is entitled to charge are prescribed in the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 2019*. These charges include:

- searching and retrieving (\$15 per hour);
- making a decision on access (\$20 per hour after the first five hours, which are for free);
- photocopying a written document (10 cents per page);
- making a copy of a written document other than a photocopy (\$4.40 per page);
- postage or delivery (an amount not exceeding cost of postage or delivery);
- transcribing (\$4.40 per page); and
- supervising, if the applicant wishes to inspect (\$6.25 per half an hour, or part thereof).

eSafety will, in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act, advise you if you are liable to pay any charge and provide a preliminary assessment of those charges.

Timeframe for processing

eSafety received your request on 14 January and the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date.

The 30-day statutory period for processing your request therefore concludes on 13 February 2022, but as this is a Sunday, it becomes the next business day, Monday 14 February 2022. You should therefore expect a decision regarding your request by 14 February 2022, unless the timeframe is extended under the FOI Act. Relevantly, the time period can be extended by 30 days if third party consultation is required.

We will contact you via this email address (foi+request-8305-422a75a9@righttoknow.org.au) unless you advise us otherwise.

Please note that eSafety generally publishes information released under the FOI Act on our disclosure log, subject to exceptions.

Further information about the FOI Act, including eSafety's publication obligations, is available on our website at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/corporate-documents/freedom-of-information>.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Kind regards,

FOI Coordinator
eSafety Commissioner
E: FOI@esafety.gov.au
T: 1800 880 176
W: www.esafety.gov.au