



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

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By email: Pinar Yilmaz <foi+request-841-17725522@righttoknow.org.au>

Dear Ms Yilmaz

**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request No. 14/15-087**

I refer to your request received by the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 26 December 2014 for access to:

*"all Internal communication (emails, briefings and other means of communications) regarding "Armenian Genocide" and/or the "Armenian National Committee" since September 2013."*

As your request covers documents which contain information concerning the affairs of an organisation and an individual, the Department is required to consult with the organisation and individual concerned before making a decision on the release of those documents.

We will take into account any comments we receive from the organisation and individual consulted but the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents rests with this Department.

Pursuant to section 15(6) of the FOI Act the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 calendar days in order to allow our agency time to consult with the organisation concerned. Taking into account the period of time during which the request consultation was underway, the revised date for notification of a decision to you is **11 February 2015**.

More information about exemptions under the FOI Act is available in Fact Sheet 8 published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (attached).

Please do not hesitate to contact an FOI officer at [foi@dss.gov.au](mailto:foi@dss.gov.au) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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