

Our Reference: LEX1358.

Chris H
C/O Right To Know
By email: foi+request-8466-569ce433@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Chris

Your freedom of information request no. LEX1358

I refer to your email on 18 February 2022 to the Australian Electoral Commission ('AEC') in which you request access (your 'FOI Request') under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the 'FOI Act') to documents about donations made to each political party from 01 January 2010 to present.

2 I am writing today to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested in your FOI Request.

SUMMARY

3 I, William Mueller, of the AEC, am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI Requests.

4 Specifically, you sought access to:

the portfolio or documents showing donations made to each political party from 01 January 2010 to present.

5 The AEC acknowledged your request in an email to you dated 25 February 2022, and in a further email to you dated 4 March 2022. Included in these acknowledgements was a request that you consider the AECs [Transparency Register](#) and confirm whether it contained the information you were seeking by 7 March 2022.

6 The AEC has not received a response to the requests.

7 I identified that the information contained within the AECs [Transparency Register](#) falls within the scope of your FOI Request (the 'Relevant Documents').

8 I did this by searching within the AECs Transparency Register to determine that the information that the AEC holds within scope is contained within the Transparency Register.

9 More information, including my reasons for my decision, is set out below.

DECISION AND REASONS FOR DECISION

Decision

- 10 With regard to the information contained within the [Transparency Register](#), I have decided that the information available on the register meets the request. Further, the Transparency Register contains all information in scope that the AEC holds to date.

Material taken into account

- 11 I have taken the following material into account in making my decision:
- (a) The terms of your FOI request;
 - (b) the content of the Transparency Register that falls within the scope of your FOI Request;
 - (c) the FOI Act;
 - (d) the guidelines ('[FOI Guidelines](#)') issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act,
 - (e) the *Privacy Act 1988*

YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

- 12 If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision. We encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

Internal review

- 13 Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the AEC for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter.
- 14 Where possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of my decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

- 15 Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online:	https://forms.business.gov.au/aba/oaic/foi-review/
email:	foidr@oaic.gov.au
post:	Director of FOI Dispute Resolution, GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001
fax:	02 9284 9666

- 16 More information about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website at

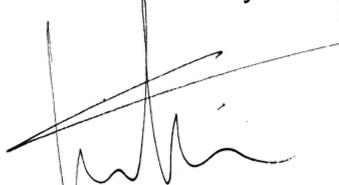
<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS DECISION

17 If you wish to discuss my decision, please contact me at:

email:	Legal@aec.gov.au
fax:	02 6293 7657
post:	Locked bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601
telephone:	13 23 26

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Mueller', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Will Mueller
Manager, Corporate and Information Law
Legal Services Section
Legal and Procurement Branch

15 March 2022