



Our ref: 15/81

Mr C Palmer
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Dear Sir

Freedom of Information Request No. 15/81

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to WikiLeaks and Julian Assange under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) (FOI Act)*.

Scope of your request

I note that the FOI Coordinator undertook an informal request consultation with you and explained the types of documents identified following our preliminary search.

Following your e-mail of 27 January 2015, I have treated your request as one for documents authored by CrimTrac officials that mention Julian Assange, WikiLeaks or its Australian staff, excluding: (i) copies of publicly accessible documents; (ii) the personal information of non-WikiLeaks individuals; and (iii) duplicates and drafts of documents.

Decision

I, Rebecca Dale, Senior Adviser, Legal and Commercial Directorate, am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

I identified one document which fell within the scope of your request.

I did this by conducting a search of all corporate network drives, correspondence and document registers within our Secretariat and Communications areas, as well as the corporate email directories of Senior Executive Service employees and Executive Level Directors.

As you aware, the preliminary search yielded documents containing media references or keywords with no additional context (see e-mail to you of 23 January 2015). I determined that most (if not all) of these documents would have yielded information already in the public domain. (As the FOI Coordinator has explained to you, I was then inclined to refuse your request on the basis that a practical refusal reason existed.)

The document that falls within the revised scope of your request is an internal brief from the Manager, Protective Security to the Chief Information Officer, dated 26 February 2014. The brief was never approved by the Chief Information Officer and no further steps were undertaken to seek that approval.

Notwithstanding any exemptions that might otherwise apply to the document, I have decided to grant you access to the document in full.

FOI Disclosure Log

The information released to you with respect to your request will be published on the CrimTrac FOI Disclosure Log within 10 working days of documents being released.

The FOI Disclosure Log is accessible online from:

<http://www.crimtrac.gov.au/privacy/FOIDisclosureLog.html>

Your review rights

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

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the CrimTrac Agency for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

Email: foi@crimtrac.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 1573, Canberra City ACT 2601
In Person: 496 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson ACT 2602

Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

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: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601
In Person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW


More information about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the information provided, or the process of assessment or decision under the FOI Act, please do not hesitate to contact us in the following ways:

Email: foi@crimtrac.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 1573, Canberra City ACT 2601
In Person: 496 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson ACT 2602
Phone: 02 6268 7822 (FOI Coordinator) or 02 6268 7639 (FOI Decision Maker)

I attach the document you requested.

Yours faithfully



Rebecca Dale
Authorised Decision Maker Under Section 23 of the FOI Act
Legal and Commercial Directorate
CrimTrac Agency

3 February 2015

Attachment/s:

1. Brief entitled 'Australian Government Personnel Security Policy Review'