



23 May 2022

Kevin

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In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 22/04/00631

File Number: OBJ2022/9161

Dear Kevin

Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Access Decision

On 8 April 2022, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to document under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following document:

The number of people whose applications for Australian citizenship by conferral had been approved by 08 April 2022 and who were waiting to attend an Australian citizenship ceremony at Monash City Councils, VIC.

2 Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access document or to amend or annotate records.

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the document to which you sought access

4 Document in scope of request

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 8 April 2022 when your FOI request was received.

5 Decision

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full

6 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

7 Final decision on charge

On 28 April, 2022 the Department issued you with a notice of the preliminary charge in the amount of **\$15.00** to process your request, which includes the first five hours of decision-making at no cost.

Amount already paid

On 29 April, 2022, the Department received your payment of \$15.00 - the total charge indicated in the preliminary charges notice issued by the Department.

As you have paid the charge in full but the decision has not been made within the statutory timeframe a refund of \$15.00 will be issued to you.

Please provide your BSB and Account Number along with your name and FOI Request Reference Number to foi@homeaffairs.gov.au in order for the refund to be processed.

8 Your Review Rights

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

9 Making a Complaint

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Email enquiries@oaic.gov.au

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

10 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

[Signed electronically]

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Position Number: 60141911

Authorised Decision Maker

Department of Home Affairs