



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

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Vera Lystich

**By email:** [foi+request-873-6a61e497@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-873-6a61e497@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Ms Lystich

**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request No. 14/15-101**

I refer to your email dated 14 January 2015 to the Department of Social Services (the Department) in which you seek access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

*"Any documents, specifically legal opinions, reports or briefs, created by the Department relating to Australia's obligations under international law in relation to the proposed six-month waiting period for Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance applicants under 30 years of age."*

*To expedite the processing of my request, I am willing to exclude the plain text of emails sent by Department staff and limit the scope of my request to documents created between 1 September 2013 and today's date.*

***Processing timeframe***

The Department received your request on 14 January 2015 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced today. Accordingly, the last day for notifying you of our decision will be **Friday, 13 February 2015**.

This time frame may be extended if consultation with affected third parties is required. If consultation is required we will notify you as soon as possible.

***Other issues***

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log, which you can access at [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au), subject to certain exceptions.

We will contact you using the e-mail address provided to us. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact.

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

Yours sincerely

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