



## Australian Government

### Department of Health and Aged Care

FOI reference: FOI-3866

John Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

### Decision on your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request of 19 July 2022, to the Department of Health and Aged Care (the department), seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act) to:

- (1) *The total number of Officers that currently hold a substantive EL or SES role.*
- (2) *The total number of those substantive EL1 and SES Officers that are:*
  - a) *disabled*
  - b) *LGBT+*
  - c) *from a culturally diverse background*
  - d) *first nations*

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

### FOI decision

You have requested access to data that is held in computer systems ordinarily available to the department. Pursuant to section 17 of the FOI Act, the department has used its computer systems to produce one written discrete document that contains the information to which your FOI request relates.

I have decided to give access to the document in full.

A schedule setting out the document relevant to your request, with my decision in relation to this document, is at **ATTACHMENT A**.

### Legislative provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in my decision, are available on the Federal Register of Legislation website: [www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562)

## Your review rights

I have set out your review rights at **ATTACHMENT B**.

## Publication

Where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The department will not publish personal or business affairs information where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at:  
[www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log)

## Contacts

If you require clarification of any matters discussed in this letter you can contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666 or at [FOI@health.gov.au](mailto:FOI@health.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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15 August 2022

ATTACHMENT A.

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS  
FOI-3866

<b>Document no.</b>	<b>Number of pages</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision on access</b>
1	1	Total EL and SES staff in the Department of Health and Aged Care as at 30 June 2022	Release in full

## ATTACHMENT B.

### YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

#### **Internal review**

You can request internal review within 30 days of you receiving this decision. An internal review will be conducted by a different officer from the original decision-maker.

No particular form is required to apply for review although it will assist your case to set out the grounds on which you believe that the original decision should be changed.

Applications for internal review can be made by:

Email:       FOI@health.gov.au

Mail:         FOI Unit (MDP 516)  
              Department of Health  
              GPO Box 9848  
              CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you choose to seek an internal review, you will also have a right to apply for Information Commissioner review (IC review) of the internal review decision once it has been provided to you.

#### **Information Commissioner review or complaint**

You also have the right to seek Information Commissioner (IC) review of this decision. For FOI applicants, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 60 days of the decision. For third parties who object to disclosure of their information, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 30 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your FOI request, you can lodge a complaint with the OAIC. However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

While there is no particular form required to make a complaint to the OAIC, the complaint should be in writing and set out the reasons for why you are dissatisfied with the way your request was processed. It should also identify the Department of Health and Aged Care as the agency about which you are complaining.

You can make an IC review application or make an FOI complaint in one of the following ways:

- online at [www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/)
- via email to [foidr@oaic.gov.au](mailto:foidr@oaic.gov.au)
- by mail to GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or
- by fax to 02 9284 9666.

More information about the Information Commissioner reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: [www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process).

## **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with action taken by the department, you may also make a complaint directly to the department.

Complaints to the department are covered by the department's privacy policy. A form for lodging a complaint directly to the department is available on the department's website here: [www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints](http://www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints)