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Agency reference: LEX5983

J H

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Extension of time application by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Dear J H

I write to advise that on 22 August 2022 the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (the OAIC) received an application from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Department) for an extension of time, to process your FOI request of 26 July 2022.

The Department has applied for an extension of time under s 15AB of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) because your request is considered to be complex.

The Department has advised the OAIC that:

- Extensive consultation is required due to the complex and sensitive nature of the documents.

The Department has requested an **extension to 25 September 2022**. I will take any comments you may have to make into account when deciding the application.

Please respond to this email by **close of business Friday, 16 September 2022**. If I do not hear from you by this date, the decision maker will make a decision on the basis of the information provided to me by the Department.

You will be notified of the decision once the matter has been finalised.

Further information about extension of time requests may be found on our website at [Extensions of time](#).

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this email please contact me via email at FOIDR@oaic.gov.au. Please quote OAIC reference: RQ22/03051 in all correspondence.

Kind regards

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