



OFFICIAL

Freedom of Information (FOI) request

Notice of Decision

Reference: FOI/2022/237

To: BE

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Dear BE

I refer to your email of 16 August 2022 in which you made a request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department), 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.

Scope of request

Under the FOI Act, I request a list of all Ministers sworn in to administer the Migration Act 1958 since 22 May 2022 with the date and period of each appointment. If a document does not already exist in this form, I request that a document containing this information is created by the Department under section 17 of the FOI Act.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make this decision in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department's Secretary under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act
- the FOI Guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner¹ (the Guidelines)

¹ s 93A of the FOI Act

Decision

A document containing the information you seek has been created according to Section 17 of the FOI Act. I have decided to provide access in full to the document.

The document is enclosed.

Other information

In providing this document to you I note that Ministers are appointed to administer departments of state not specific Acts of legislation. The *Migration Act 1958* is listed under the Department of Home Affairs in the Administrative Arrangement Order, and the list of ministers provided here identifies those who have been appointed to administer that department.

Review rights

If you disagree with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days after the date of this letter. 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 from the date it is received. Applications for review should be sent to foi@pmc.gov.au.

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 after the date of this letter. More information about [Information Commissioner review](#) is available at the OAIC website.

FOI Complaints

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your FOI request, please let us know what we could have done better. If you are not satisfied with our response, you can make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be made in writing. More information about complaints is available [on the FOI Commissioner's website](#).²

² www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/make-an-foi-complaint

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your requests, you can contact the FOI Section by email at foi@pmc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Peter Rush

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15 September 2022

