



Australian Government
Department of Finance

Reference: FOI 22/85
Contact: FOI Team
E-mail: foi@finance.gov.au

C Drake
Right to Know

By email only: foi+request-9394-d71a9986@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Drake,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI 22/85

On 24 September 2022, the Department of Finance (Finance) received your email, in which you sought access under the Commonwealth *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to documents held by Finance. A copy of your request is at **Attachment A**.

The statutory period for processing your request commences from the day after Finance received your request and a decision was initially due on Monday 24 October 2022.

Liability to pay a charge

In accordance with the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 2019* (Regulations), and the FOI Act, I have decided that you are liable to pay a charge in respect of processing your request and am notifying you accordingly.

My preliminary assessment of that charge is as follows:

Task	Rate	Units	Charge
Search & retrieval	\$15 per hour	00.28 hours	\$ 04.25
Decision-making	\$20 per hour	13.01 hours	\$ 260.17
<i>less first 5 hours free</i>		5 hours	\$ -100.00
TOTAL			\$ 164.42

In accordance with the Regulations, this estimate has included five hours of decision making time free of charge.

Timeframe

Within 30 days of the date of this notice, you need to either:

- agree to pay the charge indicated above and forward payment; or
- contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed (you should provide full reasons for your contention); or
- withdraw your request.

Notice must be provided to Finance in writing. If you fail to notify Finance in a manner described above within 30 days of the date on this notice, being on or before **Wednesday 9 November 2022**, it will be taken that you have withdrawn your request.

The time period for processing your request is suspended from the date of this notice and resumes on the day you pay or the day on which Finance makes a decision not to impose a charge. However, the actual processing time may also be affected by third party consultation.

Payment of charges

You can agree to pay the charge. If you agree, processing of your request will resume as soon as Finance receives a payment in full.

Payment in full is **\$164.42**. Payment in full entitles you to receive a decision in relation to your request, a schedule (if there are more than 3 documents) which lists the documents relevant to your request, and any documents released.

If you agree to pay the charge please notify the FOI team and they will prepare an invoice for you to complete, sign and return.

If you disagree with the charge

If you contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed, such a contention is not a request for internal review. You will be advised of your review rights following my consideration of your contentions. In deciding whether to reduce or not impose a charge, I must take into account whether payment of the charge, or part of it, would cause you financial hardship and whether the giving of access to the documents is in the general public interest.

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) sets out the process for calculating and imposing charges, together with information regarding when an agency should correct, reduce or waive charges.

Policy to exclude junior officer contact details and signatures

Finance has adopted a policy to generally exclude from any documents released under FOI, the names and contact details of junior staff (non-SES officers) and staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (adviser level and below). Finance has also adopted a policy to exclude signatures and mobile phone numbers from any documents released under FOI (unless publicly available). Finance's preference is to reach agreement with FOI applicants to exclude these details from the scope of the request. Where there is no objection, the names and contact details of junior officers, as well as any signatures appearing in identified documents, will be redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act on the basis that these details are irrelevant to the request.

Publication

Subject to certain exceptions, any documents provided to you under the FOI Act will be published on Finance's FOI [Disclosure Log](#). Finance's policy is to publish the documents one working day after they are released to you.

Please contact the FOI Team on the above contact details if you wish to discuss your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MV' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Marc Vickers
Assistant Secretary
Governance and Procurement | Information and Communications Technology
Department of Finance
10 October 2022

From: [C Drake](#)
To: [FOI Requests](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request - All supporting documents mentioned in refusal of FOI 22/54
Date: Saturday, 24 September 2022 9:51:43 AM

Dear Department of Finance,

Please supply:

[In relation to items in the section "Decision" of FOi 22/54]

1. the Sponsorship Agreement between auDA and Finance (suitably redacted where necessary) but which must include all terms and references relating to confidential information and any such requirements as they might apply to the domain names themselves

2. the Registry-Registrar Agreement between Identity Digital and Finance; (suitably redacted where necessary) but which must include all terms and references relating to confidential information and any such requirements as they might apply to the domain names themselves

3. the outbound consultation with auDA and Identity Digital

4. and the joint submissions made by auDA and Identity Digital

[in relation to the Background or any other part of FOi 22/54]

5. all outbound correspondence in which I am mentioned (by name or otherwise) and/or which my FOI 22/54 is mentioned or related to, since (and including) the date of my filing of my FOI, upto and including the moment you fulfill this request.

6. all inbound correspondence in response to items 3 and 5 above, or in which I am mentioned (by name or otherwise) and/or which my FOI 22/54 is mentioned or related to.

7. The "information" cited in your statement "inconsistent with the information that has been provided directly to Finance by Identity Digital." in relation to my statement: "The best way to fulfil my request is to get in touch with Afilias Australia Pty Ltd. I've opened a case with them, and all they need from you is the approval to send me the list." which related to the following:-

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2022 07:21:00 +0000 (GMT)

From: ".au Support" <xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx>

Sender: xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

Subject: [.au Support - Case #01239018] The "master list" of gov.au public domain names.

Hi Chris,

Since you need report on gov.au domains you need to contact the registrar Department of Finance-.au. You can either get this report for them or if they request us to send it, we are happy to send the report to the registrar. But, it should be requested by the registrar's authorised contact.

Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us and include the string: ref:_00DD0CWb4._5004G2Ri8xw:ref in the body of all future correspondence with regards to this ticket. To do so, you may simply reply to this message.

Sincerely,

Abhinav Vatsavaya

.au Support

Web Portal: <https://portal.afilias.info/>

Email: xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Phone: +61-3-9945-0650 (Australia)

Phone: +1-416-619-3038 (North America)

8. The complete document and/or transcript chain, and all specified "objections" mentioned in your statement "In considering whether or not the Master List should be released to you, Finance consulted with both auDA and Identity Digital who jointly objected to the disclosure of the Master List.". I want to know what you said to them, which made them (according to you) change their minds (see their letter to me above) - so be sure that what you did say to them is included in your response.

9. The complete and current list of public-facing government .au domain names (no other information, just the domain names). Note that this used to be publicly available on assorted government web sites, but those URLs (e.g. <https://data.gov.au/dataset/a-z-list-of-government-sites>) are now returning 404-not-found errors. Previous FoI requests to this information have been granted (e.g. https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/list_of_government_govau_domains)

Yours faithfully,

C Drake

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXXXXXX.XXX.XX

Is xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx the wrong address for Freedom of Information requests to Department of Finance? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://www.righttoknow.org.au/change_request/new?body=finance

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<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers>

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