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ASSISTANT TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

FOI ref: 3242

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Dale Webster

By email foi+request-9566-845915fa@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Webster

I acknowledge receipt of your request received on 21 December 2022, under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (**FOI Act**), in the following terms:

any documents/correspondence held by the Assistant Treasurer that mention both the Regional Banking Taskforce and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (also referred to as APRA) and a draft copy of the taskforce's final report at the change of government.

The FOI Act provides that we have 30 days to process the request. This period may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

As you may be aware, the Office closes between Christmas and New Year and a number of staff have schedule additional leave around this time. We would be grateful if you would agree extend the statutory timeframe by 10 days to 30 January 2023. Under section 15AA of the FOI Act you can agree to extensions of up to 30 days. A response by COB 10 January 2023 would be appreciated.

We will advise you if a charge is payable to process your request and the amount of any such charge as soon as possible.

We make the following assumptions that affect the scope of the request. These are set out below.

It is our usual practice:

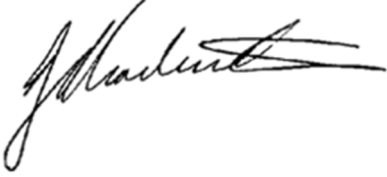
- not to disclose the personal information of government employees or the personal contact details of senior government employees (including those of the Treasury). The names of senior officers will generally be released.
- not to release duplicates of any document captured within the scope of the request.
- only the final version of a document will be considered within scope.

Please inform us if you do not agree to the request being processed on the above assumptions. If we do not hear from you, your request will be processed on the basis that these documents are outside the scope of your request.

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

If you have questions in relation to your request, please contact Treasury's FOI Team on 02 6263 2800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Belinda Robertson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Belinda Robertson
A/g Chief of Staff