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ASSISTANT TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

FOI ref: 3242

31 January 2023

Dale Webster

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

Dear Ms Webster

I refer to your request of 21 December 2022 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**FOI Act**) to the following:

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.

I am an authorised decision maker under the FOI Act.

I am satisfied that a practical refusal reason still exists as outlined in my request consultation to you of 11 January 2023. In this respect, you declined to revise the scope of your request. Your consultation response of 11 January 2023 expanded the scope of your request by seeking additional documents that reference any part or all terms contained in the final report listed by you. I have therefore decided to refuse your request under section 24(1)(b) of the FOI Act on the grounds that a practical refusal reason remains after a request consultation process.

A statement setting out your rights of review in this matter is attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Iggulden'.

Tom Iggulden
Senior Adviser