

The Hon Anika Wells MP Minister for Aged Care Minister for Sport Member for Lilley

FOI reference: FOI 4133

Ms Andorra Loom

By email: foi+request-9623-944b7d2f@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Loom

Decision on your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request of 9 December 2022, seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (Cth) (FOI Act) in the following terms:

I request all correspondence between the Minister, Senators, Members, or the Australian Football League (or the Australian Football League Commission) in relation to funding of an AFL team for Tasmania. I am seeking documents held by the Minister or the Minister's office. I am not seeking draft documents.

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

I have consulted with staff within my office and have caused comprehensive searches of my official document holdings to be undertaken. No documents matching the description in your request were identified as being in my possession as Minister.

Based on these consultations and searches, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to find the documents and the documents cannot be located and do not exist within the meaning in subsection 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

I am therefore refusing your request in accordance with section 24A of the FOI Act as I do not hold the documents you have requested

If you require clarification of any matters discussed in this letter, please contact the FOI Section at the Department of Health and Aged Care on (02) 6289 1666 or at FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Hon Anika Wells MP Minister for Aged Care

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Minister for Sport

9 January 2023

ATTACHMENT A.

YOUR REVIEW RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

Information Commissioner review or complaint

You have the right to seek Information Commissioner (IC) review of this decision. For FOI applicants, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 60 days of the decision. For third parties who object to disclosure of their information, an application for IC review must be made in writing within 30 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way your FOI request has been handled, you can lodge a complaint with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

While there is no particular form required to make a complaint to the OAIC, the complaint should be in writing and set out the reasons you are dissatisfied with the way your request was processed. It should also identify the Minister for Aged Care as the entity the subject of your complaint.

You can make an IC review application or make an FOI complaint in one of the following ways:

- online at <u>www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/</u>
- via email to foidr@oaic.gov.au
- by mail to GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or
- by fax to 02 9284 9666.

More information about IC reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process.