

OFFICE OF THE HON ANDREW GILES MP MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: MO22/12/00001 File Number: ADF2022/384330

Dear Oliver Smith

Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Access request

I refer to your correspondence received on 6 December 2022, seeking access to documents held by the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

Scope of request

You have requested access to the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act), I am seeking access to correspondence between the Office of the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and the City of Darebin council and/or people making representations on behalf of City of Darebin council in regards to the issue of the City of Darebin council's right to hold citizenship ceremonies or lack thereof.

The documents I am seeking are from the period 22 May 2022 to the date this FOI is actioned.

Your request was received on 6 December 2022 and has been allocated FOI request reference MO22/12/00001. Please include your FOI request reference in all correspondence with the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs and the Department of Home Affairs Freedom of Information Section.

Timeframe for receiving your decision

The statutory timeframe for processing a request is 30 days from the date upon which your application was received by the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs..

Your review rights in relation to your request are available on the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner here.

Duplicate documents

If the FOI decision-maker deems a document to be a duplicate, they will not assess those pages as part of your FOI request. This means that if a there is a decision to release the document to you, you will receive only one copy, even if multiple copies of that document exists.

Publication of document

Where documents are released to you in response to your request, the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs may be required to publish these documents within 10 working days in

accordance with section 11C of the FOI Act. Publication will not be required where the documents contain personal or business affairs information.

Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss your request you may contact the Department of Home Affairs, Freedom of Information Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Kind regards

The Office of the Minister for Home Affairs foi@homeaffairs.gov.au