



6 January 2023

FOI ref: 3235

Ms Karen Reynolds

By email: foi+request-9708-65ccf997@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Reynolds

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – DECISION

I refer to your request to the Treasury on 17 December 2022, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) to the following:

I am seeking the following information.

The Hon Scott Morrison, formerly Prime Minister of Australia, was secretly appointed to administer the Department of Health on 14 March 2020; the Department of Finance on 30 March 2020; the Department of Home Affairs on 6 May 2021, the Department of the Treasury on 6 May 2021, and the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources on 15 April 2021.

I am seeking information that pertains to his possible actions in relation to organisations seeking DGR recipient status.

Given that Mr Morrison became Treasurer secretly in May of 2021, I am seeking any information in relation to requests for or approvals by Mr Morrison for DGR status, including any correspondence, emails, file notes or other correspondence between the 1st of March, 2021 and the date of the election, 2022.

I seek this information especially in relation to the organisations listed here who were approved between the dates of 6th May, 2021 and the date of the election (link provided for easier searching). <https://abr.business.gov.au/Tools/DgrListing>

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Decision

I arranged for officers to search Treasury records for material relevant to your request. Searches were undertaken of emails, the Treasury's file management system and the Parliamentary Document Management System. No documents were located. Accordingly, I am satisfied that no such documents exist.

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As the Treasury holds no documents within the scope of your request, I am refusing your request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

Rights of Review

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

Yours sincerely



Bede Fraser
Acting First Assistant Secretary
Personal and Indirect Tax, Charities and Housing Division

INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW

1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision refusing to grant access to documents in accordance with your request.

An application for a review of the decision must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker if you could set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

An application for a review of the decision should be emailed to FOI@Treasury.gov.au.

OR

2. APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (INFORMATION COMMISSIONER) FOR REVIEW OF DECISION

Section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to seek a review of the decision from the Information Commissioner. An application for review must be made within 60 days of receiving the decision.

An application for review must be in writing and must:

- give details of how notices must be sent to you; and
- include a copy of the notice of decision.

You should send your application for review to:

The Information Commissioner
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

AND/OR

3. COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Section 70 of the FOI Act provides that a person may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the FOI Act.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency the complaint is about. It should be directed to the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

The Information Commissioner may decline to investigate the complaint in a number of circumstances, including that you did not exercise your right to ask the agency, the Information Commissioner, a court or tribunal to review the decision.