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Dear Jackson,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your email of 20 February 2015 in which you sought access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) (**Attachment A**):

*“any information regarding the cancelling of the Big Day Out music festival in 2014. I would like to see any recorded statistics of ticket sales and running costs, as well as potentially harmful internal dialogue between organisers and promoters.”*

**Response to your request:**

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

Statistical information collected by the ABS is obtained under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Under Schedule 2, Part II, Division 2 of the FOI Act, this information cannot be released through a FOI request. As such, no access will be granted.

I add that the ABS does not hold any dialogue between third parties for this event. As a result, in accordance with section 24A of the FOI Act, I refuse your request on the basis that the documents do not exist within the ABS.

**Charges**

There is no charge for this request.

**Internal Review of the Decision**

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision by the ABS. Additionally you may request a review of this decision by the Information Commissioner. Details of both procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at **Attachment B**.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Contact Officer, at [freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au](mailto:freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au) or on (02) 6252 7203.

Yours sincerely,



Lewis Conn  
Assistant Statistician  
Office of the Statistician and External Engagement  
Australian Bureau of Statistics

26 February 2015

ATTACHMENT A

Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

I am requesting any information regarding the cancelling of the Big Day Out music festival in 2014.

I would like to see any recorded statistics of ticket sales and running costs, as well as potentially harmful internal dialogue between organisers and promoters.

Yours faithfully,

Jackson Barron

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Please use this email address for all replies to this request:  
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Is freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au the wrong address for Freedom of Information requests to Australian Bureau of Statistics? If so, please contact us using this form:  
[https://www.righttoknow.org.au/change\\_request/new?body=abs](https://www.righttoknow.org.au/change_request/new?body=abs)

Write your response as plain text. Only send PDF documents as a last resort. Government guidelines make it clear that PDF is not an acceptable format for you to use in the delivery of government information.  
<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers#pdf>

The Freedom of Information Commissioner has recommended that agencies accept requests from Right to Know as valid for the purpose of s.15(2)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act. See  
<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/assets/OAIC-Letter.pdf> for details of the OAIC decision.

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## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Procedures for Internal Review of the Decision**

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to apply for an internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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

Application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

The Freedom of Information Officer  
Policy and Legislation Section  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
Locked Bag 10  
BELCONNEN ACT 2616

### **Review by the Information Commissioner**

Section 54L of the FOI Act provides that a person may apply for a review to the Information Commissioner concerning the original decision made by the agency.

An application for a review by the Information Commissioner must be occur within 60 days of the decision. The application must be made in writing (including email) and should be directed to the following address:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 2999  
Canberra ACT 2601

Email: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

Online Form: <http://www.oaic.gov.au>

An application for review through the Information Commissioner must include contact details for the applicant and a copy of the notice of decision as given by the agency under section 26.

The Information Commissioner usually prefers applicants to seek internal review before asking for a review through their office.