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Immigration Assessment Authority

FOI Request: **FOI2023/02632**

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Dear Venisha Jayona Cutinha

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOI REQUEST AND DECISION

We received your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) on 24 January 2023 and the period for processing your FOI request commenced on 24 January 2023.

By email you requested the details of companies providing visa sponsorship, specifically sponsorship for software developers.

I was not able to identify any documents held by the Immigration Assessment Authority (IAA) containing details of companies providing visa sponsorship. Given the IAA does not hold these documents, the IAA is therefore not able to provide you the documents you are seeking and has proceeded to process your request and made a decision in accordance with the FOI Act.

As an officer authorised under the FOI Act to make decisions on access, I have decided to refuse access to the documents. The reasons for this decision are set out below.

Section 24A of the FOI Act provides that, after all reasonable steps have been taken to find the documents, access to documents may be refused if the documents do not exist. To verify this, I have taken the following steps to locate the requested documents:

On 24 January 2023, I conducted searches of the IAA network drive, the IAA intranet, the IAA Case Management System (CMS) and all relevant mailboxes for details of companies providing visa sponsorship. No documents held by the IAA that match this description exist.

On this basis that I am unable to find any of the documents you are seeking, I am satisfied that the documents you have requested from the IAA do not exist and therefore refuse access under section 24A of the FOI Act.

Information about how you can apply for review of this decision or complain about how we have dealt with this matter is set out in the attached fact sheet.

If you have any questions, please email xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx or telephone 1800 205 919.

Yours sincerely

Rosalind Zika
Authorised FOI Officer APS 4
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Attachments

F9 - Information about reviews and complaints under the FOI Act



Information about reviews and complaints under the Freedom of Information Act

What should I do prior to applying for internal review or contacting the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Before you apply for an internal review or contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, we recommend that you telephone the officer who made the FOI decision. It is often possible to resolve concerns or answer your questions using this approach and, if not, the officer will be able to assist you in applying for review.

How do I apply for internal review to the Immigration Assessment Authority?

You can apply to us for an internal review of the FOI decision. The application for internal review must be made within 30 days, or such further period as we allow, after the day the decision is notified to you. To apply for an internal review you must do so in writing. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. A different and more senior officer authorised under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) will conduct the internal review and make a new decision within 30 days after receipt of your application.

If you have already applied for internal review and want to seek a further review of that decision, you will need to apply to the Australian Information Commissioner.

How do I apply for review to the Australian Information Commissioner?

You may also apply directly to the Australian Information Commissioner for review of the FOI decision. The application for review must be made within 60 days after the day notice of the decision was given. An application for review must be in writing, include details of how notices in relation to the review are to be sent to you, and include a copy of the decision. You may also wish to explain why you are not satisfied with the decision. An online application form is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website, details of which are provided below.

What if I want to make a complaint about the handling of a Freedom of Information request?

If you have a complaint about the way in which we have processed your request for access under the FOI Act, please contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#). Complaints should be made in writing and identify the 'Immigration Assessment Authority' as the agency in respect of which the complaint is made. You should explain the circumstances surrounding your complaint.

Where can I find further information or contact details for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?

Further information is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at www.oaic.gov.au and you can contact the office on 1300 363 992 or by email at enquiries@oaic.gov.au.