



Office of the Attorney-General

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Dear Mr Fairless

Freedom of Information Request FOI 2015/03

I refer to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to "Texts and emails" that you say that the Attorney-General referred to in Senate Estimates on 24 February 2015 regarding the Australian Human Rights Commissioner.

We received your request on Saturday 28 February 2015 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by Monday 30 March 2015. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

It is the usual practice of the Office to not disclose the names and contact details of junior officers of the Office and other government agencies, where that personal information is contained in documents within the scope of a request. The names and contact details of senior officers will generally be disclosed. We will take it that you agree to the removal of junior officers' personal information unless you advise that you would like us to consider releasing that information as part of the documents you have requested.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on the Attorney-General's Department disclosure log subject to certain exceptions. (For example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable.) The disclosure log can be accessed at the Attorney-General's Department website www.ag.gov.au.

If you have any questions, please contact this office on 02 6277 7300.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul O'Sullivan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul O'Sullivan
Chief of Staff