



**Australian Government**  
**Attorney-General's Department**  
**Office of Corporate Counsel**

13/1394

29 May 2013

Mr Malcolm Blaney

Right to Know

By e-mail only: <mailto:foi+request-99-f94ae673@righttoknow.org.au>

Dear Mr Blaney

**Freedom of information request no. 13/1394**

I am authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make FOI decisions on behalf of this Department.

On 29 April 2013, you requested access to documents relating to:

*The security assessment for the asylum seeker from Sri Lanka, Ranjini, who was returned to indefinite detention in May 2012.*

**DECISION AND REASONS FOR DECISION**

I am refusing your request, under subsection 24A(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act, as the documents you requested do not exist.

**Documents non-existent (s 24A(1))**

The line area within the Department which has carriage of these matters carried out an electronic search of all the Departmental records but could not find any security assessments of the Sri Lankan asylum seeker Ranjini. For this reason, I am satisfied that the documents that you have requested are not held by this Department and do not exist.

**Your review rights**

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for an internal review within the AGD or an external review by the Information Commissioner. If you wish to apply for a review, we encourage you to seek internal review as it is a far quicker process.

**Internal review**

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the FOI and Privacy Section of the Attorney-General's Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter. If possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

## Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter and be lodged in one of the following ways:

Online: <https://forms.australia.gov.au/forms/oaic/foi-review/>

E-mail: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

Post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601


In person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

More information about a review by the Information Commissioner is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website at [http://www.oaic.gov.au/foi-portal/review\\_complaints.html#foi\\_merit\\_reviews](http://www.oaic.gov.au/foi-portal/review_complaints.html#foi_merit_reviews).

## Questions about this decision

If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact the action officer, Logan Tudor, on (02) 6141 3715 or e-mail [foi@ag.gov.au](mailto:foi@ag.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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