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**Department of Veterans'Affairs** 

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Jenny <foi+request-11051-cd670f6d@righttoknow.org.au> Saturday, 27 January 2024 10:15 PM INFORMATION.ACCESS Freedom of Information request - Records regarding how to create and present documents of extracted disclosures by DVA to UniSA</foi+request-11051-cd670f6d@righttoknow.org.au>
Categories:	FOI

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Yours faithfully,

Jenny

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From:	INFORMATION.ACCESS
Sent:	Thursday, 1 February 2024 1:03 PM
То:	'foi+request-11051-cd670f6d@righttoknow.org.au'
Subject:	LEX 64798 - Information Access Request – Jenny [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Jenny,

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (the department) has received your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). I note you have requested access to the following:

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Your request was received by the department on 27 January 2024 and the ordinary 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date.

If we are in a position to make a decision on your request earlier than this date, we will endeavour to do so.

The statutory period may also be extended if we need to consult third parties or for other reasons permitted under the FOI Act. We will advise you if this happens.

#### Charges

If the Department considers that a charge will apply to your request, you will be notified within 14 days of an estimate of the charges that will apply to your request for non-personal information before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

#### Your address

The FOI Act requires that you provide us with an address that we can send notices to. You have advised your contact address is <u>foi+request-11051-cd670f6d@righttoknow.org.au</u>. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will send all notices and correspondence to this address.

## **Disclosure** log

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# **Further assistance**

If you have any questions about your request, please email Information.Access@dva.gov.au

Kind Regards

Arthur Information Access Registrations Officer Position Number – 62341836 Information Access Unit Ministerial, International & Stakeholder Relations Branch Ministerial, Communication & Engagement Division Department of Veterans' Affairs 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) Information.Access@dva.gov.au www.dva.gov.au





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Sent:	Wednesday, 14 February 2024 4:15 PM
То:	s 47E
Subject:	LEX - 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments:	LEX_64798 - Search Minute.docx

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Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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Dear Colleagues,

Could I please have an update on the below requested search minutes. Thank you.

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Padma | Information Access Officer Position no 62349551 Information Access Unit Ministerial, International & Stakeholder Relations Branch Ministerial, Communication & Engagement Division Department of Veterans' Affairs



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Looking at the scope I would interpret it as the following:

"A copy of all internal communications regarding DVA's process to effectively communicate: how to extract and best present a response to over 1,657 enquiries about the MATES privacy breaches (information shared from DVA to Unisa)."

According to the applicant; DVA had made mention of this process in a submission it made to the OAIC.

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From:	s 47F Meghan on behalf of s 47E
Sent:	Tuesday, 12 March 2024 8:44 AM
То:	s 47E
Cc:	s 47E
Subject:	Update: LEX 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY - FOLLOW UP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning team

It is with the AS for clearance as at 11/3//24, we hope to have this returned today.

Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Meghan S 47F | Executive Coordinator Executive Support Team Program Delivery Division Department of Veterans' Affairs Tel : S 47F / Ext: S 47F www.dva.gov.au

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Cc:	s 47F Kristine; <sup>s 47E</sup>
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Hi Padma,

We are currently putting the search minute through the clearance process.

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Maria s 47FSenior Ministerial Correspondence OfficerMinisterial Correspondence Unit I Ministerial, International & Stakeholder RelationsDepartment of Veterans' AffairsTel s 47FExt: s 47Fs 47Fwww.dva.gov.au



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From:	S Louis
Sent:	Tuesday, 12 March 2024 5:19 PM
То:	s 47E s 47E
Cc:	Foat, Ally; <mark>s 47F</mark> Angela-Grace
Subject:	RE: Due 23 Feb: LEX - 64798 - JENNY Search Minute - FOLLOW UP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Padma

The response is being finalised. We hope to be able to provide it to you soon

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From: \$ 47FJesse \$ 47FOn Behalf Of \$ 47ESent: Monday, 4 March 2024 9:07 AMTo: \$ 47FLouis \$ 47F\$ 47ECc: Foat, Ally < Ally.Foat@dva.gov.au>; \$ 47FAngela-Grace \$ 47FSubject: RE: Due 23 Feb: LEX - 64798 - JENNY Search Minute [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Morning Louis,

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 From: \$ 47F
 Jesse On Behalf Of \$ 47E

 Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 3:28 PM

 To: \$ 47F
 Louis \$ 47F

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 Angela-Grace \$ 47F

 Subject: RE: Due 23 Feb: LEX - 64798 - JENNY Search Minute [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Afternoon Louis,

Looking at the scope I would interpret it as the following:

"A copy of all internal communications regarding DVA's process to effectively communicate: how to extract and best present a response to over 1,657 enquiries about the MATES privacy breaches (information shared from DVA to Unisa)."

According to the applicant; DVA had made mention of this process in a submission it made to the OAIC.

Please let me know how you wish to narrow this down further if need be.

This request also seems similar to one that I have processed previously.

I will attach the unredacted versions of those documents to this email for your convenience.

Kind regards,

Jesse | Information Access Officer Position Number : 62371652 Information Access Unit Ministerial, Parliamentary & Stakeholder Engagement Branch Engagement, Communications and Ministerial Division Department of Veterans' Affairs 1800 838 372 Information.access@dva.gov.au www.dva.gov.au



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 Angela-Grace \$ 47F

 Subject: FW: Due 23 Feb: LEX - 64798 - JENNY Search Minute [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Padma

The wording of the request is imprecise, and may capture a range of timeframes and background correspondence.

Is IAU able to engage with the applicant to determine/narrow the scope?

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Hi Padma

It is difficult to discern the exact scope of the request. Is it "communications and approvals [Secretary and Minister] as to how the data of these disclosures of personal information from DVA to UniSA would be extracted and "best presented" ?

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Cc:	s 47E
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Attachments:	RE: FOR REVIEW. Standardised responses to IAU requests - MATES
	[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]; RE: MS23-000320 : PDMS Notification - Record
	Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: Start Dates & End Dates for MATES reports
	[SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: Vet MATES data flow template response [SEC=OFFICIAL]; FW:
	For Action DUE 2pm 4 July 2023 - Advice on DMIS Report Requests
	[SEC=OFFICIAL]; FW: Data flows MATES - response [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: Data flows
	MATES - response [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: MATES Update [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: MATES
	comms [SEC=OFFICIAL]; MATES Communication Plan 0 August with Kylie's pieces
	[SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: Data flows MATES - response [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: Approval for
	standard IAU responses seeking data [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]; LEX- 64798 - Search
	minute.docx

Good morning team,

Please find attached AS cleared input.

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Brittnee S 47F | A/g Executive Coordinator Executive Support Team Program Delivery Division Tel S 47F

From: S 47F Kerri On Behalf Of S 47E Sent: Wednesday, 13 March 2024 7:51 AM To: S 47E Cc: S 47F Kylie ; Campbell, Moira Subject: FW: INPUT REQ - LEX 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good morning,

Please see the attached documentation and signed search minute.

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Kerri S 47F Executive Assistant to Moira Campbell Assistant Secretary Client Programs Branch Program Delivery Division Department of Veterans' Affairs Ph: S 47F S 47F www.dva.gov.au





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 Sent: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 4:31 PM

 To:S 47F
 Kylie S 47F

 Cc:S 47E
 <S 47E</td>

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 Subject: FW: INPUT REQ - LEX 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

This is approved, thanks.

Kerri – for my signature and progression, thanks.

Regards Moira

From: s 47F Kylie s 47F Sent: Monday, 11 March 2024 6:36 PM To: Campbell, Moira <<u>Moira.Campbell@dva.gov.au</u>> Cc: s 47E s 47E s 47F

dva.gov.au>; s 47F Kerri

Subject: FW: INPUT REQ - LEX 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Moira

Seeking your clearance on the attached search minute, noting 12 documents were identified, all with sensitives.

Your approval requires the search minute to be signed and it returned to co-ord.

Thanks Kylie

From: S 47F Lennon <S 47F</th>On Behalf Of S 47ESent: Wednesday, 14 February 2024 3:37 PMTo: S 47F Kylie S 47FCc: S 47ESubject: INPUT REQ - LEX 64798 - SEARCH MINUTE - JENNY [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Padma Position no 62349551 Information Access Unit Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Sent:	Friday, 15 March 2024 3:47	' PM	
То:	s 47E		
Cc:	s 47E	s 47E	Wong, TinYan
Subject:	FW: Due 23 Feb: LEX - 64798 - JENNY Search Minute - FOLLOW UP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]		
Attachments:	LEX_64798 - Search Minute	e.docx	

Hi IAU

Search minute attached

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Louis <sup>S</sup> 47F | A/g Director Information Law | Corporate Legal Branch Legal & Audit Division

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Hello

This minute is cleared – referring to the email you sent with the attached item.

Ally

 From: \$ 47F Louis \$ 47F

 Sent: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 5:19 PM

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Afternoon Louis,

Looking at the scope I would interpret it as the following:

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According to the applicant; DVA had made mention of this process in a submission it made to the OAIC.

Please let me know how you wish to narrow this down further if need be.

This request also seems similar to one that I have processed previously.

I will attach the unredacted versions of those documents to this email for your convenience.

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Hi Padma

The wording of the request is imprecise, and may capture a range of timeframes and background correspondence.

Is IAU able to engage with the applicant to determine/narrow the scope?

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Hi Padma

It is difficult to discern the exact scope of the request. Is it "communications and approvals [Secretary and Minister] as to how the data of these disclosures of personal information from DVA to UniSA would be extracted and "best presented" ?

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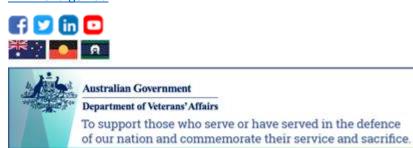
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Am just checking with Josh & A-G S 47F

Cheers

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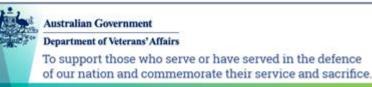
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# Hi team

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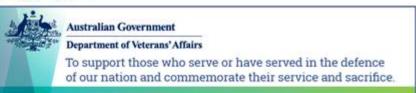


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