



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Our ref: LEX 74498

John Smith
Right to Know

By email: foi+request-11078-8e40382e@righttoknow.org.au

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) – Notice of Decision

I refer to your 4 February 2024 request, to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department), which was subsequently revised by agreement, to seek access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to:

... a list of grants since 18 September 2013, administered by the Department of Industry Science and Resources (DISR) where DISR holds the policy responsibility. The list need only include the project title, project description and date executed. It only needs to include grants where the title or description contain the word space.

Background

On 20 March 2024, the department supplied you with the document requested under administrative release.

On 15 November 2024, you advised the department that you did not agree to administrative release.

Decision

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

I am satisfied that all reasonable searches have been undertaken for documents relevant to your request.

As a decision was not reached in the statutory timeframe, the decision is considered to be a deemed refusal in accordance with section 15AC of the FOI Act.

Had the department reached a decision within the statutory time frame, that decision would have been to release the documents to you in full.

Section 17 – Requests involving use of computers etc.

Section 17 of the FOI Act permits an agency to create a document where the information requested is not available in discrete form in written documents held by the agency.

Accordingly, the department was able to produce a written document containing part of the requested information in discrete form by the use of a computer or other equipment available to the department. The department has therefore, in this particular instance, created one document under section 17 of the FOI Act that is relevant to your request and will be released to you in full.

Publication

Section 11C of the FOI Act requires agencies to publish documents released through an FOI request on our website within 10 working days of release, except in certain circumstances including when the documents contain personal or business information that would be unreasonable to publish.

The document being released to you does not contain any personal or business information that would be unreasonable to publish. As a result, it will be published on our disclosure log within 10 working days of the document being released to you.

Review Rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, your review rights are set out in the Annexure.

Yours sincerely



Jaye Jeffers
A/g General Manager
Business Grants Hub
16 December 2024

Enclosures

Annexure (Review Rights)
Attachment A – Schedule of Documents

Annexure

Application for Internal Review

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the option to apply for a departmental internal review of my decision. If you make an application for internal review, it will be conducted by an officer of the department (other than me) appointed by the Secretary of the department to conduct a review and make a completely fresh decision on the merits of the case.

Application for a review of the decision must be made within 30 days after the day of receipt of this letter, or within 15 days of receipt of the documents to which this decision relates (whichever is the longer period). You do not have to pay any fees or processing charges for an internal review, except for charges if further searches are conducted and additional documents are identified as relevant and if the decision maker chooses to impose a charge. While a specific form is not required, it will assist the decision maker if your application specifies the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

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

FOI Coordinator
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or by e-mail to: FOI@industry.gov.au.

Review by the Australian Information Commissioner

If any decision on internal review were not satisfactory to you, section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for review of my decision by the Information Commissioner.

An application for review by the Information Commissioner may be made regardless of whether the decision was the subject of a departmental internal review. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made within 60 days of receipt of this notice. There is no fee for review by the Information Commissioner.

You must apply in writing and you can lodge your application in one of the following ways:

Online: www.oaic.gov.au
Post: GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001
Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

An application form is available on the website at www.oaic.gov.au. Your application should include a copy of this notice and your contact details. You should also set out why you are objecting to the decision.

Complaints to the Australian Information Commissioner

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner concerning action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Australian Information Commissioner will make a completely independent investigation of your complaint. A complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner must be made in writing and can be lodged online using the Information Commissioner Complaint Application form on the Australian Information Commissioner's website at www.oaic.gov.au.

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Request for Access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth)
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Doc No	Description of document	Decision	Reasons
1.	Copy of a list of grants since 18 September 2013 that mention the word Space	Release in full	Nil