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**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 24/03/00439-R1

File Number: FA24/03/00439

Dear Andrew

**Freedom of Information Act 1982: internal review decision**

I refer to correspondence received by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) on 27 April 2024, in which you requested an internal review of an access refusal decision under section 54 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The decision under review is the Department's original decision dated 24 April 2024 in which the Department responded to the access request you made on 7 March 2024.

The Department has decided to vary its original decision on your request. Further details of the decision are provided at paragraph 7 below.

**1 Scope of original request**

The Department received your original request for access to documents under the FOI Act on 7 March 2024. The scope of your original request was as follows:

*I am requesting a current list of Accredited Visa Sponsors for 2024, and, if possible, it would be very handy to include in this list other useful information for job seekers. I would imagine some extra columns like: Activity Sector; Number of Employees; Sponsorships Offered; Sponsorships Granted; Jobs Link.*

**2 Original decision on access dated 24 April 2024**

Documents within scope

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department used its computer system to produce one document containing information relevant to your request. The information was held on the Department's computer systems on 7 March 2024, when the Department received your request for access.

### Original access decision

The Department's original decision was to exempt the document in full from disclosure.

In finding that the document was exempt, the Department relied on section 47F of the FOI Act.

### **3 Request for internal review**

On 27 April 2024, you requested the Department review its access decision of 24 April 2024. The terms of your review request were as follows:

*I couldn't find a clear reasons for the refusal of my request.*

*The core of my request is about names of Accredited Visa Sponsors for 2024, which is a public information. The information I requested below is optional and if you consider it confidential you can exclude it from the final output:*

*It would be extremely useful for candidates if you might add to the export file such column as:*

*Sector of activity | Amount of employees | Sponsorships offered | Sponsorships granted | Jobs offers link."*

### **4 Scope of internal review**

Based on the terms of your internal review in paragraph 3 above, I consider you are seeking review of:

- the Department's decision to apply the section 47F exemption to the document within the scope of the request.

I consider you have not sought a review of the searches the Department undertook in response to your request. Accordingly, the Department has not conducted further searches for documents in response to your internal review request.

### **5 Authority to make decision**

I am authorised under section 23 the FOI Act to make decisions to release and to refuse access to exempt documents and to conduct internal reviews.

### **6 Information considered**

I have considered:

- the terms of your original request
- the submission made by you in support of your request for internal review
- the documents within the scope of the request
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters referred to in the documents(s) to which you sought access
- information held on departmental systems
- the FOI Act; and

- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines).

## **7 Internal review decision**

I have decided to vary the original decision of the Department dated 24 April 2024 and replace it with a decision:

- that the document found to be exempt under section 47F is not exempt
- to release the document in full.

## **8 Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

## **9 Your review rights**

### ***Information Commissioner review***

If you disagree with this decision, you can request the Australian Information Commissioner to review this decision.

If you want to request an Information Commissioner review, you must make your request to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) within 60 days of being notified of this decision.

You can apply for an Information Commissioner review at: [Information Commissioner review application form on the OAIC website](#).

You can find more information about Information Commissioner reviews [on the OAIC website](#)

## **10 Making a complaint**

You may make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the Department has handled your request under the FOI Act. This is a different process to the Information Commissioner review process described above.

You can make an FOI complaint using the [FOI complaint form on the OAIC website](#).

## **11 Contact**

Should you wish to discuss my decision, please do not hesitate to contact via email at [foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au).

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**Attachments:**

Documents released