

9 August 2024

Mr Daniel M

By email: foi+request-11680-3f995453@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Daniel

DECISION – REF. NO ABC FOI 202425-007

I refer to your email sent Saturday 13 July 2024 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) to:

I hereby submit a request under the FOI Act for the following document/s:

1. Documents pertaining to the cost of producing the "Who Broke Britain?" video series;
 - a) Broken down per-episode, or
 - b) If a per-episode cost is not available, the cost of producing the whole series.

I am happy for a single document to be created which satisfies the request...

A decision on your request is due by **Wednesday 12 August 2024**.

Authorisation

I am authorised by the Managing Director of the ABC to make decisions about FOI requests under s 23 of the FOI Act.

Decision

At the time of your request, the ABC did not hold a document¹ containing this information, however it has performed calculations and provides the information on page 2 of this letter.

Material taken into account

In making my decision I have considered:

- the scope of your request
- the content of the documents requested
- the FOI Act
- the guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under s 93A of the FOI Act (**the Guidelines**)

¹ s 17 of the FOI Act

Locating and identifying documents

The search for documents included approaching the ABC's Finance team.

I consider all reasonable steps were taken to identify and locate relevant documents that answer your request. I am satisfied that the searches conducted were thorough and all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the documents relevant to your request. I find that the ABC is not in possession of further documents.

Reasons for decision

In my view it is in the public interest to provide this information under FOI.

The average cost of producing the whole series of five episodes is approximately:

\$28,635

Review rights

Your review rights are set out in **Annexure A**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ali Edwards', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Ali Edwards
Head of Rights Management & FOI Decision Maker
foi.abc@abc.net.au

Annexure A – Your Review Rights

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal Review by the ABC, or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review.

APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW BY THE ABC

You have the right to apply for an internal review of the decision refusing to grant access to documents in accordance with your request. If you apply for an internal review, a delegate who is not the person who made the initial decision will undertake a review and make a fresh decision.

You must apply in writing for an internal review of the decision **within 30 days** of receipt of this letter. No particular form is required, although it helps if you set out the reasons for review in your application and include the decision under review.

Application for a review of the original decision should be emailed to: foi.abc@abc.net.au

or posted to: FOI Coordinator
 ABC Legal
 GPO Box 9994
 SYDNEY NSW 2001

APPLICATION FOR INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (IC) REVIEW

Alternatively, you have the right to apply for a review by the Information Commissioner of the decision refusing to grant access to documents in accordance with your request. Your application must:

- be in writing;
- be made **within 60 days** of receipt of this letter (the original decision or the internal review decision, or a deemed refusal decision);
- give details of how notices may be sent to you (for instance, an email address); and
- include a copy of the decision for which a review sought.

Please refer to the OAIC website the IC review process page for further information including the online form for applying for IC review:

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews>

Alternatively, an application for IC Review can be emailed to: FOIDR@oaic.gov.au or

posted to: Director of FOI Dispute Resolution
 GPO Box 5218
 Sydney NSW 2001

The Information Commissioner has a discretion not to undertake a review.

COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

You may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by the ABC in the performance of functions, or exercise of powers, under the FOI Act. The Information Commissioner may make inquiries for the purpose of determining whether or not to investigate a complaint.

Complaints can be made in writing to: GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001