



## Office of Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher

Minister for Finance  
Minister for Women  
Minister for the Public Service  
Senator for the Australian Capital Territory

'Not Rex Patrick'

**By email only:** [foi+request-11698-8266b9b3@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-11698-8266b9b3@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Applicant

### **Freedom of Information Request No. FM 2425-01**

I refer to your request, initially received by the Department of Finance on 16 July 2024, for access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act). Your request was as follows:

*Consistent with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking a document to be created and provided by the Office of the Minister for Finance that includes:*

*The number of meetings held between the Minister or her office and the officials of the Community and Public Sector Union between 1 July 2023 and 15 July 2024.*

*I ask that the number be broken down by date and location of the meeting.*

### **Transfer of Request**

Under section 16(1) of the FOI Act, the Department of Finance transferred your request to the Office of the Minister for Finance as it was more closely connected with the functions of that office. The Office of the Minister for Finance accepted the transfer on 25 July 2024.

### **Authorised decision-maker**

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to grant or refuse access to documents.

### **Decision and Reasons for Decision**

The document you requested has been created under section 17 of the FOI Act, based on data held by the Office of the Minister for Finance. The document records the meetings held between the Minister for Finance or her office and officials of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) during the period specified in your request.

I have decided to grant access to the document in full.

The document has been titled:

*“Record of meetings held between the Minister for Finance or her office and the officials of the Community and Public Sector Union between 1 July 2023 and 15 July 2024.”*

### **Material taken into account**

I have taken the following material into account in making my decision:

- The terms of your FOI request as outlined in your email dated 16 July 2024.
- The Freedom of Information Act 1982, including sections 16(1) (Transfer of requests) and 17 (Requests involving the use of computers).
- The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner’s FOI Guidelines, particularly the sections relevant to the creation of documents under section 17 and the processing of transferred requests under section 16.
- The data and information held by the Office of the Minister for Finance that was used to create the document you requested.

### **Third party consultation**

In accordance with section 27A of the FOI Act, I assessed whether consultations with third parties were necessary before making a decision on your request. Based on this assessment, I determined that no third-party consultations were necessary, and none were conducted.

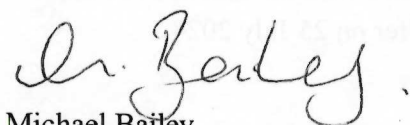
### **Charges**

I have decided that a charge is not payable in this matter.

### **Review and appeal rights**

You are entitled to request an external review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) of my decision. The process for review and appeal rights is set out at **Attachment A**.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Bailey

Adviser

Office of the Minister for Finance

14 August 2024

## ATTACHMENT A

### Rights of Review

#### Asking for a full explanation of a Freedom of Information decision

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may seek review. Before you seek review of a Freedom of Information (FOI) decision, you may contact us to discuss your request and we will explain the decision to you.

#### Applying for external review by the Australian Information Commissioner

If you do not agree with the original FOI decision or the internal review decision, you can ask the Australian Information Commissioner to review the decision. You have 60 days to apply in writing for a review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (the OAIC) from the date you received this letter or any subsequent internal review decision.

You can **lodge your application**:

Online: [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)

Post: Australian Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 5218  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Email: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

The OAIC encourage applicants to apply online. Where possible, to assist the OAIC you should include your contact information, a copy of the related FOI decision and provide details of your reasons for objecting to the decision.

#### Complaints to the Information Commissioner and Commonwealth Ombudsman

##### *Information Commissioner*

You may complain to the 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. A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be made in writing. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

Telephone: 1300 363 992

Website: [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)

##### *Commonwealth Ombudsman*

You may complain to the Ombudsman 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. A complaint to the Ombudsman may be made in person, by telephone or in writing. The Ombudsman's contact details are:

Phone: 1300 362 072

Website: [www.ombudsman.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.gov.au)