



THE OFFICE OF THE HON CLARE O'NEIL MP
MINISTER FOR HOUSING
MINISTER FOR HOMELESSNESS

Ref: FOI LEX 51774

Ash Roth

Via email to: foi+request-12083-2876bc8f@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ash,

Freedom of Information Request LEX 51774 – Decision on access

I refer to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* request made to the Minister for Housing on 25 September 2024. The request seeks access to:

any communication or correspondence between the Minister/the Minister's team and The Australia Institute (inc. any representatives) between 29 July 2024 and 25 September 2024.

Decision – No documents exist

Section 24A of the FOI Act provides in part that a Minister may refuse a request for access to a document if all responsible steps have been taken to find it and the Minister is satisfied that it does not exist.

The FOI request seeks correspondence or communications between the Minister for Housing or staff within her office and The Australia Institute for the period 29 July 2024 and 25 September 2024. No documents were found to exist in relation to your request.

As a result, we do not have possession of the documents sought by this request and have decided to refuse it under section 24A of the FOI Act.

Review rights and complaints

Information concerning how you may seek a review of this decision or make a complaint about the handling of this request is at **Attachment A**.

Contact

If you would like to discuss any aspect of my decision, please contact me at foi@dss.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Kahane', written in a cursive style.

Jacob Kahane
Deputy Chief of Staff
25/10/2024

Attachments

A – Review Rights

INFORMATION ON REVIEW RIGHTS

You may seek review of this decision via the Australian Information Commissioner (**Information Commissioner**).

You can apply for the Information Commissioner to review this decision either immediately or following an internal review decision. You must apply to the Information Commissioner within 60 days of the receipt of this decision letter.

Further details on this process can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/>.

COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

You may also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner concerning actions taken by the Department while exercising its powers or performing its functions under the FOI Act. Further details on this process can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/>.