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**To:** s22  
**Cc:** [TGA FOI](#)  
**Subject:** FOI 5351 - Decision on waiver of charges [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, 3 October 2024 4:27:39 PM  
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Dear s22

I refer to previous correspondence regarding your FOI request, and I can advise that the TGA is continuing to process your request.

As an update, I write to advise you that the Decision Maker has decided not to impose any charges for the processing of your request.

Accordingly, as you have paid the deposit of \$172.10, the TGA will refund the deposit paid to the original payment method.

### **Request for extension**

As previously advised in our email dated 20 September 2024 (see **attached**), as your request relates to the personal, professional, business, commercial or financial affairs of third parties, pursuant to section 27 and 27A of the FOI Act, the TGA is required to consult with the affected third parties and provide them an opportunity to make submissions regarding the release of the documents.

In accordance with the above, the TGA is currently preparing to consult with the several relevant third parties. As part of the decision-making process, TGA decision-makers carefully consider the submissions made by third parties regarding release of documents, with the aim of making impartial and well-informed decisions that balance the competing interests of applicants and third parties. In this way we hope to negate the need for either applicants or third parties to seek review of our decisions, as this results in further delays to the eventual release of documents. Unfortunately, the time required to thoroughly undertake these processes can occasionally exceed the allotted time available under the FOI Act. With this in mind, the TGA would be very grateful for your consideration of granting a short extension of time under section 15AA of **15 days** for the processing of your request. A decision would subsequently be due on or before **7 November 2024**.

We would greatly appreciate your response by **1pm tomorrow, Friday 4 October 2024**.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and for your further consideration of our request.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the FOI team.

Kind regards

s22

**Freedom of Information**

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**Subject:** RE: FOI 5351 - Notice of Estimate of Charges [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22

Please find attached correspondence in reply.

With kind regards,

s22

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**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2024 4:15 PM  
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Dear s22

Please find attached correspondence in relation to your Freedom of Information request.

We note in your email of 19 August 2024, you sought a full waiver of any fees associated with the processing of your FOI request. Pursuant to section 29(1)(f) of the FOI Act, you have 30 days after the issuing of this notice to seek a waiver of charges. If you still intend to seek a full waiver of the charges, please confirm in writing and provide any additional information you wish the TGA to consider in support of your claim.

### **Consultation**

As your request relates to the personal, professional, business, commercial or financial affairs of third parties, pursuant to section 27 and 27A of the FOI Act, the TGA is required to consult with the affected third parties and provide them an opportunity to make submissions regarding the release of the documents.

Accordingly, under section 15(6) of the FOI Act, and upon payment of a deposit, the timeframe for processing your request will be extended by 30 days to allow the

consultation process to be conducted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team.

Kind regards

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