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**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 24/10/01555

File Number: FA24/10/01555

Dear Alex Pentland

**Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Decision**

On 24 October 2024, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to document under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

**1 Scope of request**

You have requested access to the following document:

*The Australian citizenship practice test, (accessible here: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/test-and-interview/prepare-for-test/practice-test-new>) “contains the following answers considered the correct answers: c. Yes, English is the national language of Australia and it helps to get an education, a job, and to integrate into the community.*

*I seek access to the advice, documents, or legislation relied upon by the Department to state that “English is the national language” and the rest of the answer, and that the statement “There is no expectation to learn any particular language in Australia” is incorrect.*

**2 Authority to make decision**

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access document or to amend or annotate records.

### 3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the document relevant to the request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the document to which you sought access

### 4 Document in scope of request

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. The information produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 24 October 2024 when your FOI request was received.

### 5 Decision

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full

### 6 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.

### 7 Your review rights

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for either an internal review or an Information Commissioner review of the decision.

#### *Internal review*

If you want the Department to review this decision, you must make your internal review request within 30 days of being notified of this decision.

When making your internal review request, please provide the Department with the reasons why you consider this decision should be changed.

You can send your internal review request to:

**Email:** [foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au)

Or

**Postal mail:**  
Freedom of Information  
Department of Home Affairs  
GPO Box 241 MELBOURNE VIC 3001

The internal review will be carried out by an officer who is more senior than the original decision maker. The Department must make its decision on the review within 30 days of receiving your request for internal review.

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

If you want the Australian Information Commissioner to review this decision, 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 using the [Information Commissioner review application form on the OAIC website](#).

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

## **8 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 separate process to the process of requesting a review of the decision as indicated above.

You can make an FOI complaint to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) at: [FOI Complaint Form on the OAIC website](#).

## **9 Contacting the FOI Section**

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi@homeaffairs.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

*[Electronically signed]*

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**Position number 60016902**

Authorised Decision Maker

Department of Home Affairs