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AND TREASURY,
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT

3 February 2025

Ref: FOI 3830

Glenn Hamiltonshire

By email: foi+request-12684-ec3617b2@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Hamiltonshire

I refer to your request dated 3 January 2025, for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* to the following,

On 18 November 2024, during a press conference after being asked about the status of the 5 cent coin, the Treasurer Jim Chalmers said the following:

"This is something that Andrew Leigh thinks about a lot. He has carriage in our team for the Mint and the arrangements around currency. All jokes aside, he thinks about this a bit. The appropriate denominations obviously they evolve over time and we keep it under constant review."

Noting the Treasurers comments, I request access from all correspondence from Andrew Leigh which pertain to the current status of the minting of the 5 cent coin, and it's status into the future.

I am authorised to make FOI decisions on the Assistant Minister's behalf.

One document has been identified within scope of your request. I have decided to release the document in part with irrelevant material deleted under section 22 of the FOI Act. The reasons for my decision follow.

The material to which I have had regard in making this decision includes the scope of the request and relevant document, the relevant provisions of the FOI Act and FOI Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner.

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Section 22 – irrelevant

Section 22 of the FOI Act allows for information that is irrelevant to your request to be deleted from a document. As indicated in your acknowledgement, the names and contact details of government employees has been deleted under section 22 of the FOI Act. Other information irrelevant to your request has also been deleted under that provision.

Disclosure Log

The Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities, Treasury and Employment publishes documents disclosed in response to FOI requests on the Treasury website. This is consistent with the arrangements established by section 11C of the FOI Act. In this instance, I find the released document is appropriate for publication.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury
Assistant Minister for Employment

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Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
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