

25 November 2015

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Dear Jonathan

RE: Application for documents under the Commonwealth Freedom of Information Act 1982

I refer to your Freedom of Information request dated 20 October 2015 in which you have sought access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 ("FOI Act"). You have requested the following from Australia Post.

"...all emails relating to me not sent or received by me..."

I have had Australia Post's email data base interrogated. Two (2) documents have been identified that relate to your request for documents.

Of the two documents, one is available and one has been located in our email archives. I am seeking technical assistance in obtaining a copy of the archived email. I will contact you within 14 days to advise of the outcome.

I had had to ascertain whether the release of the abovementioned documents would be conditionally exempt under the FOI Act.

Pursuant to Section 47F of the FOI Act, a document is conditionally exempt if disclosure under the FOI Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person. In determining whether the disclosure of the document would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information, Australia Post must have regard to the following matters:

- a) The extent to which the information is well known;
- b) Whether the person to whom the information relates is known to be (or to have been) associated with matters dealt with in the document;
- c) The availability of the information from publicly accessible sources;
- d) Any other relevant matter.

My enquiries have revealed that the information is not well known in that it is not in the public arena and is not available from publicly accessible sources. The information relates only to yourself.

I have considered whether the release of the information you have requested would constitute an "unreasonable" disclosure of personal information. I have consulted appropriate Australia Post officers to ascertain whether they consent to the release of the information requested.

Information relating to two Australia Post officers has been redacted.

According to Section 47 of the FOI Act, a document is conditionally exempt if its release would disclose trade secrets or any other information having a commercial value that would be, or could be reasonably expected to be, destroyed or diminished if the information were disclosed.

It is clear that the information requested does not relate to a trade secret and the disclosure of this information cannot have the effect of diminishing or destroying its intrinsic commercial value.

I have applied Section 47F of the FOI Act where the FOI Act requires the consideration of the public interest.

I have considered whether any of the public interest considerations set out in Section 11B of the FOI Act would indicate that the document should not be released. I have concluded that there is no public interest consideration that mitigates against the release of the information.

Decision

Accordingly, having considered the relevant provisions of the FOI Act, I have decided to release the following document:

1. Copy of email date 5 March 2015

Rights of Review

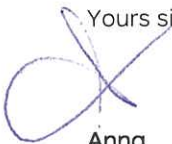
If you are unhappy with this decision you have the right to seek either;

- (i) An internal review by writing within 30 days of receiving this letter to Australia Post, FOI Review Officer, Legal Services Group, GPO Box 1777, Melbourne VIC 3001, foi@auspost.com.au; or
- (ii) A review of this decision by writing within 60 days of receiving this letter to the Information Commissioner, GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601, Fax: 02 9284 9666, enquiries@oaic.gov.au.

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If you have any other queries, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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