

Australian Government

# **Department of Home Affairs**

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# Vijayakumar BY EMAIL: foi+request-7839-dee1e39e@righttoknow.org.au

#### In reply please quote:

FOI Request:FA 21/09/00482File Number:OBJ2021/27904

Dear Vijayakumar

## Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 8 September 2021, 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 number of applicants for citizenship by conferral who are currently waiting for citizenship ceremonies in Glen Eira Council, Victoria till 1st of July 2021.

## 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 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

The Department has identified one document as falling within the scope of your request. This document was in the possession of the Department on 8 September 2021 when your request was received.

#### 5 Decision

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which falls 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 <u>https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562</u>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

## 7 Your Review Rights

## Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <a href="https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process">https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process</a>.

#### 8 Making a Complaint

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to: Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge) Email <u>enquiries@oaic.gov.au</u>

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

#### 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.

*Elaine* Position number 60097486 Authorised Decision Maker Department of Home Affairs