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Subject: RE: FOI 23-24/072 - Decision letter for review [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 19 January 2024 4:20:54 PM
Attachments: [FOI 23-23 072 Decision Letter.pdf](#)
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Thanks s22

Please find attached

regards

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Hi Marc,

I note that the decision is due **today**. I have removed the relevant paragraphs regarding the legal professional privilege exemption from the letter. Grateful if you could please sign as soon as practicable and provide it **before 4.45pm** so I can notify the Deputy Secretary and send to the applicant? Unfortunately I am unable to stay past COB today to send it.

Kind regards,
s22



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Hello Marc,

I am not familiar with the relevant documents but in s22 absence today I have had a look at the paragraphs you've highlighted. If you consider that there is no legal professional privilege that attaches to the relevant documents in this FOI matter then this part of the decision letter can be removed.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards,
s22



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Hi

Before I sign, can I just check something. I have highlighted some paragraphs around Material subject to legal professional privilege. I am not sure that applies to this request. I think the next para on Material obtained in confidence is more appropriated.

The highlighted paragraph was added to a later request from a related FOI where the requester was seeking the legal advice from auDA about the confidentiality of the material – so it is part of a later refusal, but I don't think its relevant to the refusal for the initial request – and this is only seeking the initial information – or am I missing something?

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Good morning Marc,

Draft Decision Letter – FOI 22-23/072

A draft decision letter for your consideration is saved in SharePoint:  [FOI 23-24-072 Decision letter.docx](#)

Please review the letter to ensure it accurately reflects your decision. If no changes are required, please sign and notify the FOI Team that you have signed.

If the link does not work, please contact the FOI Team immediately and we will remedy.

Please note that there are no specific signature requirements. The purpose of signing is to evidence that you have authorised the decision. You can do whichever method works for you:

- Digitally sign in PDF
- Copy an image of your signature into the Word document
- Print, sign, scan and upload the document.

Notice to senior executives and Ministers Offices

Once you have signed the decision letter, the FOI Team will notify the relevant senior executives, the Office of the Minister for Finance and the Office of the Special Minister of State, together with the Media Team of the decision. We endeavour to send this notification two (2) business days prior to the decision due date, being **Wednesday 17th January 2024**.

Final steps

The matter will be finalised once the follow has been actioned:

1. You have signed the decision letter
2. The FOI Team have notified senior executive, Ministers Offices and Media Team
3. On **Friday 19th January 2024**, around 17:00, the FOI Team will send the decision letter to the applicant
4. The FOI Team will notify you that the matter is finalised pending you completing our Human Resource Costs form.
5. You return the completed Human Resource Costs form to the FOI Team.

Many thanks





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