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FOI Act 1989, s 41

Dear FOI Act 1989, s 41

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (FOI Act), section 14, received by the Community Services Directorate on 23 May 2013, in which you requested the following documents:

"Information requested of Disability ACT and the ACT Disability Advisory Council on 6 April 2013. That is, the names and dates of all own motion policies proposed to the Minister for Disability (and other relevant Ministers) since the DAC was established in May 2003".

I am an officer authorised to make a decision in respect of a request for information, under the FOI Act, section 22 and I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

In your scope you requested copies of 'all own motion policies proposed to the Minister for Disability (and other Ministers)'. For your information this is not a term used by the Disability Advisory Council (DAC). Disability ACT have therefore interpreted your request to include any policies or papers specifically initiated by the DAC in an endeavour to identify any documents that fit into the scope of your request.

I am advised by Disability ACT they have undertaken a comprehensive review of official files, electronic documents and hard copy folders of information related to the DAC to identify any documents which may meet the scope of your request.

Decision

The Directorate has identified a number of documents that appear to be within scope as identified in the schedules attached to this letter. **Attachment A**

Additionally, to assist in your review of work undertaken by the Council, I have provided you with copies of work reports and meeting agendas for the period from May 2003 until present.

In providing copies of documents; any Reports and documents provided to you in your previous FOI have not been re-provided on this occasion. A table of documents that has been included with this letter is at **Attachment B**.

Released Information

All documents referred to in the schedules have been reviewed with a view to releasing them to you. The attached schedules list decisions regarding access to the documents. The terms used are 'Full Release'.

Review rights

My decision is appealable under the Act. This means if you are dissatisfied with this outcome you have a right to seek a review under section 59 of the Act. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

Executive Director
Policy and Organisational Services
Community Services Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You have 28 days from the date of this letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Executive Director permits.

Under section 54 of the Act, if you are concerned about the processing of your request or related administrative matters, you may complain to the Ombudsman, who may conduct an independent investigation into your complaint. There is no fee for this, and the contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Please note that personal information will not be made available under this policy and the information contained in your response will not be published.

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If you have any queries in relation to this information, please contact Ms Deborah Mesman, Executive Support, Disability ACT on 6207 1366.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Matthews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Matthews
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Governance, Advocacy and Community Policy
1 July 2013