



**ACT**  
Government

Economic Development

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (FOI Act), received by the Economic Development Directorate on (EDD) by partial transfer from the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate on 21 May 2012, in which you requested the following:

*"Please provide amounts spent in each financial year from: 2009-2010, 2010-2011 & 2011-March 2012 on Canberra's international relationships - including the Sister City relationships - as described at this website.*

*www.cmd.gov.au/communication/cir/international\_relationships*

*I want to see all costs in categories for each year – travel – accommodation – costs of gifts – administration costs for Canberra's International relationships including the Sister City relationships – the costs of maintaining and updating the above website – costs of memorials tree plantings etc.*

*I want to see costs incurred by Australians going overseas to sister cities – plus any cost the ACT Government pays for overseas sister cities program participants who might have their travel costs paid and their costs paid in Australia."*

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

#### **Decision**

The Directorate has provided a table (*attached*) that meets the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

#### **Review rights**

My decision is appealable under the Act. This means that 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:

The Director-General  
Economic Development Directorate  
C/- Freedom of Information Officer  
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 Director-General 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

### **Online FOI Policy**

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication Policy, information released to you under this Freedom of Information Application may be released on the internet.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform Matthew Neilsen on 6207 5833 immediately.

A copy of the policy, with details about what information may be published on the internet, is available online at:

[http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/250333/FOI\\_Web\\_Release\\_Policy - Final.pdf](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf)

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Matthew Neilsen on 6207 5833 or at [matthew.neilsen@act.gov.au](mailto:matthew.neilsen@act.gov.au)

**Yours sincerely**

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