



ACT
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Treasury

Our File No:FOI 8/2013

Your File No:

RE: Request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*

I refer to your email of 9 April 2013, seeking access to data under the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act) held by the ACT Revenue Office in relation to First Home Owner Grants.

In your request, you have sought:

"You helped me out with a request last year regrading first home owner grants. I was hoping you could send through an update with the latest data up to Feb/Mar 2013.

What I'm after the number of first home owner grants given out by the ACT revenue office of state revenue since the schemes inception.

- *monthly data*
- *split between new and established dwellings" [sic]*

I have conducted a review of all data held by the ACT Revenue Office relating to your request. I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

While I have provided the requested information, the ACT Revenue Office does not collate FHOOG data at this level of detail as a general practice, except where necessary for particular work requirements. As such, it is unlikely that this information will be available in the future.

The attached Excel spreadsheet identifies each separate payment that has been made in relation to First Home Owner Grants from July 2010 to March 2013 inclusive. This is the only additional information extracted by the ACT Revenue Office since your previous request. On the basis that you have the previous information I am only providing you with the additional information obtained since your last Freedom of Information request. This updated information may differ from previous data due to timing of grants.

It should be noted that this spreadsheet reflects cash payments and hence may not match the financial statements which includes accruals. Each year is on a separate worksheet. The 'dwelling type' is included with a legend identifying the type (e.g. new home; established property; etc).

The ACT Revenue Office does not produce data in the form requested by you, so a list of each payment made, with the application date, has been provided. Some detail has been removed from this data to protect the privacy of First Home Owner Grant payment recipients under section 41(1) - 'unreasonable disclosure of personal information'.

Fee and Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Right of Review

My decision to exempt certain documents is reviewable under section 59 of the Act. If you wish to see an internal review you should write to:

The Director-General
Commerce & Works Directorate
GPO Box 158
Canberra ACT 2601

You have 28 days in which to lodge your request or other such time as the Director General of this Directorate permits.

You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request pursuant to section 54 of the Act. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
Canberra ACT 2601

Should you have any queries about your request please contact Commerce & Works' FOI Coordinator on 6205 3955.

Open Government

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.

Under this policy personal information or business affairs information will not be made available. 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/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

Yours sincerely

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