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Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI Reference: CMTEDDFOI 2022-084

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	N/A
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	20
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Request | Correspondence RE Chinese Government Investment in Infrastructure
Date: Friday, 11 March 2022 9:45:37 AM

Good Morning,

RE: FOI REQUEST – BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* a copy of any correspondence (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, and letters) from and to the Executive Chief of Staff Mr Michael Cook (from the 1st of January 2018 until 1st of January 2021), regarding Chinese Government investment in infrastructure in the ACT.

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [REDACTED].

Kind regards,





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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 9 March 2022, in which you sought access to:

A copy of any correspondence (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, and letters) from and to the Executive Chief of Staff Mr Michael Cook (from the 1st of January 2018 until 1st of January 2021), regarding Chinese Government investment in infrastructure in the ACT.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application by 11 April 2022.

Decision on access

A search of records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request.

The search was conducted using the information you provided including but not limited to the terms “*Chinese Government*”, “*Chinese*”, and “*Chinese*” and “*Infrastructure*”.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and that no documents relevant to your request are held by the CMTEDD.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because no documents are being released to you.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. A description of the access application and my decision will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Katharine Stuart
Information Officer
Information Management
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

11 April 2022