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Our ref: LDA 14/15-16



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request – Sales, profit and blocks sold in Gungahlin and Lawson

I refer to your request for information on the above topic, submitted under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989*, received by the Land Development Agency (LDA) on 18 April 2016.

In your request you are specifically seeking the following:

- *"...the current sales figures total and profit made by the ACT Government in relation to all sales of land in the Gungahlin area (including the number of blocks sold) for the financial year 2015 to the date of this email [18 April 2016]";*
- *"...the previous three years worth of sales and profit (including the number of blocks sold) starting from the financial year 2012 - 2013 to 2014 - 2015 in the Gungahlin area"; and*
- *"...all sales from the Lawson development for both requests above."*

Decision Maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

Charges

I have decided, under section 29 of the Act, not to impose processing charges for this request.

Identification of Documents

In your request you are seeking specific information, rather than a class of documents relating to particular subjects or decisions, and consequently no discrete documents have been identified as relevant to the scope of your request.

In order to respond to your request to the extent possible, however, the LDA has compiled information from databases held and has created the two attached tables.

In creating these tables, I have interpreted the scope of your request to include, sales of land in the Gungahlin area and in Lawson in the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. The following has been provided:

- sales totals; and
- number of blocks sold.

Please note that it is not possible to accurately disaggregate 'profit' to Government on specific projects. The LDA's overall operating profit for any financial year is returned to the ACT Government, rather than returning profits on a project by project basis. The final return to government on individual projects is also influenced by costs related to 'non-estate' works, including the provision of roads, services and other social/education infrastructure, with some of these costs incurred by different parts of Government.

The data for the financial year 2015-16 includes settlements up to 30 April 2016 (inclusive). As per your request, information has been presented according to the applicable financial year, with Lawson data provided in a separate table.

The attached schedule lists the two created tables (documents).

Decision on Access

I have decided to release both documents to you.

Your Right of Review

Internal Review

Under section 59 (1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Chief Executive Officer.

Your request should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Land Development Agency
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your Freedom of Information

request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Policy

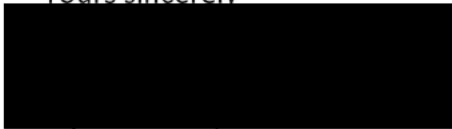
I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that the documents relevant to your request will be published online. Personal Information or business information will not be made available under this policy.

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

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on (02) 6207 1295.

Yours sincerely



Anita Hargreaves
Chief Financial Officer
Land Development Agency

27 May 2016