



ACT
Government

Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

Phone: 6207 1923
Reference: 17/31934

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request – 17/31934 - ED and Tourism - Annual Report Hearings Briefings and Notes

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) on 14 November 2017, in which you requested the following documents:

“documents and briefing notes prepared for the Economic Development and Tourism Committee 2016-17 Annual Report hearings on 6 November 2017, which include:

Financial and Economic Management; Procurement and Capital Works; Government Accommodation and Property Services; Venues; ACT Government Procurement Board; Government Policy Reform; Coordinated Communications and Community Engagement; City to the Lake Project; ACT Executive; Director of Territory Record; Economic Development Strategy and Program Design; Innovation, Trade and Investment – Innovate Canberra; Visit Canberra; and Events”

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

The Directorate has identified six (6) documents in its possession that meet the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

Decision

Under the Act, documents may be exempt or partially exempt and I have decided to partially exempt some documents under section 39 (documents affecting financial or property interests of the Territory).

Please refer to the attached schedule that lists decisions regarding access to each document that has been identified as relevant to your request. The terms used on the schedule are either ‘Full release’ or ‘Partial release’. Where an exemption is applied, a reference is made on the schedule to the relevant section of the Act that applies to the decision.

Access to documents not to apply to certain documents:

Section 39 of the Act provides:

Documents affecting financial or property interests of the Territory

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would have a substantial adverse effect on the financial or property interests of the Territory or of an agency.
- (2) This section does not apply to a document the disclosure of matter in which under this Act would, on balance, be in the public interest.

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 EPD. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

The Director-General
Environment and Planning Directorate
GPO Box 1908
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: EPDFOI@act.gov.au

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

Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

Online FOI Publication Policy

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's "*Online FOI Publication Policy*" (the 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 the policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform our contact officer 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/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact EPD's Customer Service Centre on 6207 1923 and ask for the Information Management Team.

Yours sincerely



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