



ACT
Government

Justice and Community Safety

JACS2021/619

[REDACTED]
Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – DECISION NOTICE

I refer to your application received by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) on 9 March 2021 in which you sought access to the following information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act):

“copies of all correspondence between Minister Cheyne, since becoming a Minister, and the following Federal Members of Parliament in relation to Territory Rights, Voluntary Assisted Dying, and/or the so-called “Andrews Bill”:

- *Senator Deb O’Neill;*
- *Senator Don Farrell;*
- *Senator Patrick Dodson;*
- *Senator Alex Gallacher;*
- *Senator Chris Ketter;*
- *Mr Anthony Albanese; and*
- *Senator Penny Wong.”*

I note that on 15 March 2021 the JACS FOI team advised you that JACS had accepted transfer of the same request from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate and the Community Services Directorate.

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.

Decision

This letter is to formally advise you, in accordance with section 53 of the Act, that JACS does not hold information within the scope of your request.

53 Content of notice – information not held by respondent

If an access application relates to government information that is not held by the respondent, the decision notice must state that the information is not held by the respondent.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, JACS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in

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response to your access application will be published in the JACS disclosure log no later than 10 days after the decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the JACS' disclosure log at: <http://www.justice.act.gov.au/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 the JACS disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

The review of decision application form is available at:

https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0026/79190/Apply-for-Ombudsman-review.pdf

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

Ph: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact JACS FOI via jacsfoi@act.gov.au or phone 6207 2167.

Yours sincerely



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