

1 August 2014

Ms

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Dear

1. I refer to your request of 1 July 2014 for access to information held by Defence Housing Australia under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)*.
2. I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of request for access to documents. My decision and the reasons for that decision are set out below.

Background

3. On 1 July 2014 you lodged a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by email, in which you have sought access to information, as below:

emails that were sent between myself and DHA during the time from September / October 2008 through to February / March 2009.

Specifically between myself and Melanie Hill. There were emails back and forth to the entitlement of a SR for myself and dependent, though the father of my child will be relocating to the SR too. There is one particular email I would like to have, quite lengthy, justifying and telling of these intentions that the father will be living with us in the SR.

4. I acknowledged receipt of your request on 2 July 2014.

Legislative background

5. The Act provides a right of access to information in the possession of Commonwealth agencies, limited only by exceptions and exemptions provided for in the Act.

Decision

6. I have identified a total of 15 documents listed at Attachment A.
7. I have identified Documents 1-4, 6-12 as falling within the parameters of your request and have decided to release them in full.
8. Documents 5, 13, 14 and 15 are duplicates of other documents and noted as such in Attachment A.

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Material on which my findings are based

9. I based my findings on the following material:

- The content of the identified documents;
- The relevant provisions of the FOI Act;
- The guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commission under section 93A of the FOI Act (OAIC Guidelines);
- Advice from DHA staff whose duties relate more closely to the matters referred to in the document; and
- The content of your FOI request.

Liability to pay charges

10. I have decided not to impose any charges.

Rights of review

11. If you do not agree with my decision in relation to the release of documents you are entitled to apply for an internal review of the decision and/or external review by the Australian Information Commissioner. Information on your review rights is at Attachment B.

FOI disclosure log

12. In accordance with the requirements of section 11C of the FOI Act, Defence Housing Australia is required to publish, on its website, information released under the FOI Act within 10 working days of the applicant being given access to documents. Defence Housing Australia will also publish the decision notice, with any personal and business information deleted. The information published does not include personal information or the business, commercial, financial or professional affairs of any person if publication of that information would be unreasonable. Other information not published also includes that which the Australian Information Commissioner determines is unreasonable to publish.

Further information

13. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely 

Pip Sackley 
Executive Officer