

15 January 2015

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 16 December 2015 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) in which you sought access to information, as below:

Column 1: The relevant suburb/locality within the greater ACT and Queanbeyan region.

Column 2: The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of less-than-or-equal-to \$462 per week.

Column 3: The number of MCA properties in Column 2 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 14.

Column 4: The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$463 and \$509 per week

Column 5: The number of MCA properties in Column 4 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 14.

Column 6: The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$510 and \$555 per week

Column 7: The number of MCA properties in Column 6 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 14.

Column 7: The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$556 and \$719 per week

Column 8: The number of MCA properties in Column 7 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 14.

DHA acknowledged receipt of your request on 17 December 2014. I wrote separately to you on the same day to confirm the dates which you have advised should read 9 December 14 and 20 January 15.

Legislative background

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.

One document has been created to fall within the parameters of your request.

HEAD OFFICE

Document 1 has been created using the Defence Housing Australia database to fall within the parameters of your request for information surrounding Member's Choice Accommodation properties. Document 1 was created to avoid information that included a significant amount of sensitive information at a time of raised security levels relating to the location of Defence properties. As a result, it will be released in full.

Material on which my findings are based

I based my findings on the following material:

- The content of the identified document;
- 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

I have decided not to impose any charges.

Rights of review

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. Information on your review rights is at Attachment B.

FOI disclosure log

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. DHA 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

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

Yours sincerely



Pip Sackley
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- A. Schedule of Documents.
- B. Your review rights.

	The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of less-than-or-equal-to \$462 per week	The number of MCA properties in Column 2 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 15	The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$463 and \$509 per week	The number of MCA properties in Column 4 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 15	The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$510 and \$555 per week	The number of MCA properties in Column 6 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 15	The number of MCA properties owned/leased by DHA with a currently assessed market rent of between \$556 and \$719 per week	The number of MCA properties in Column 7 that were available for allocation between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 15
Suburb/Locality								
PHILLIP, KINGSTON, BRADDON, GRIFFITH, TURNER, NARRABUNDAH, LYNEHAM, BARTON, O'CONNOR, QUEANBEYAN, QUEANBEYAN EAST, CAMPBELL, BELCONNEN, DICKSON, CRESTWOOD, CANBERRA CITY, DEAKIN, FRANKLIN, LYONS, YARRALUMLA	102 *(1 of these properties also appears in rent range \$463-509 and 1 property in \$510-555)	28 properties (part or all of the period)	23 *(1 of these properties also appears in rent range \$0-462 and 1 property in \$510-555)	1 (part or all of the period)	14 *(1 of these properties also appears in rent range \$0-462 and 1 property in \$462-509)	2 (this could be part or all of the period)	3	0 (this could be part or all of the period)

* as a result of revaluation conducted 31 December 2014

** there were no MCA properties within the suburbs listed tenanted by a member of the public between 9 Dec 14 and 20 Jan 15.

FOI Request Mr. [REDACTED] Schedule of documents

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Defence Housing Australia

Freedom of information - Your review rights

If you disagree with the decision made by Defence Housing Australia (DHA) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), you can ask for the decision to be reviewed. You may want to seek review if you sought certain documents and were not given full access, if you have been informed that there will be a charge for processing your request or if your application to have your personal information amended was not accepted.

Internal review

If DHA makes an FOI decision with which you disagree, you can ask DHA to review its decision. The review will be conducted by a DHA officer at a more senior level than the original decision maker. There is NO charge for internal review.

You must apply within 30 days of being notified of the decision, unless you have sought an extension from DHA.

DHA must make a review decision within 30 days. Where DHA has not met its review obligation, you may then approach the Information Commissioner.

Internal review is not available if the Minister or the principal officer of the agency made the decision personally.

How to apply for internal review

You must apply in writing and should include a copy of the notice of the decision provided and the points to which you are objecting and why. You can lodge your application in one of the following ways:

Post: Company Secretary
 Defence Housing Australia
 26 Brisbane Avenue
 BARTON ACT 2600

Email: foi@dha.gov.au

External review

When can I go to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)

If eligible, you may have the option of seeking a review by the AAT. AAT application fees may apply. For information on AAT procedures you can visit www.aat.gov.au.



Making a complaint

Complaints about FOI administration by government, including DHA are handled by the Commonwealth Ombudsman. For information on Commonwealth Ombudsman procedures you can visit www.ombudsman.gov.au.

Defence Housing Australia FOI contacts

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