



23 November 2016

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 16/09/02554

File Number: ADF2016/56934

Dear [REDACTED]

Access Decision - Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Release of documents

This letter refers to an access request received under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) on 20 September 2016, seeking access to:

'information about the no. of refugees accepted by Australia in 2015 and for 2016 and the break down of where they come their religion and the criteria what criteria they met and if they where all assessed by UNHCR and if not by UNHCR then by whom.'

Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

Information considered

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- the Australian Information Commissioner's FOI guidelines relating to access to documents held by government;
- the terms of your request;
- Departmental documents; and
- consultation with relevant business area.

Decision

This letter is to provide you with my decision, which is to release the relevant document to you in full.

Section 17 of the FOI Act permits the Department to deal with the document produced as a valid document in the possession of the agency. While the document did not exist as at the date of your request, this document was produced by our line area within the Humanitarian Programme Management Section for the purpose of fulfilling your request.

Review rights

Internal review

If you disagree with my decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of my decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision-maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

Freedom of Information
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25 BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Or by email to: FOI@border.gov.au

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of my decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a review request to the OAIC, please see FOI fact sheet 12 '*Freedom of information – Your review rights*', available online at www.oaic.gov.au.

How to make a complaint about the handling of this FOI request

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)
Email enquiries@oaic.gov.au

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as the relevant agency.

Contacting the FOI Section

If you wish to discuss this matter, I can be contacted using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely



FOI Officer/Freedom of Information Section
Information Management Branch | Corporate Services Division
Corporate Group
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
E: foi@border.gov.au

Attachment

- Document released to you under the FOI Act