



31 October 2016

[REDACTED]

**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 16/10/00171

File Number: ADF2016/56974

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 21 September 2016, seeking access to:

*'the number of Visa applications approved in year 2016 under the Subclass 189 for the following ANZSCO codes*

*261111 - ICT business Analyst*

*261112 - Systems Analyst*

*261311 - Analyst Programmer*

*261312 - Developer Programmer*

*261313 - Software Engineer*

*263111 - Computer Network and Systems Engineer*

*263311 - Telecommunications Engineer*

*263312 - Telecommunications Network Engineer'*

On 12 October 2016, you clarified the timeframe of your request to be for the period *between the 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016*.

**Timeframe for processing your request**

The FOI Act provides a statutory period for processing your request of 30 calendar days, unless an extension of time is agreed to, or provided for under a provision of the FOI Act.

On 17 October 2016, the Department wrote to you requesting a further 30 days within which to make a decision on your request.

On 18 October 2016, you agreed in writing to this extension of time. Pursuant to section 15AA of the FOI Act, the Department has notified the Information Commissioner in writing of this extension of time.

The due date for a decision on your request is 20 November 2016.

**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 document, (identified below); and
- consultation with relevant business area.

**Decision**

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains the requested information. The data produced in this document existed in the possession of the Department on 21 September 2016 when your FOI request was received.

I have decided to release the document in full.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.oaic.gov.au).

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

You may complain to either the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department has handled your request under the FOI Act.

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

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)  
Website [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)

**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](mailto:foi@border.gov.au)

**Attachment**

- Document released to you under the FOI Act