



31 January 2018

BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

In reply please quote:
FOI Request: FA 16/10/01727

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Access Decision – Tranche 2

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision in relation to Tranche 2 of the documents identified as relevant to your 20 October 2016 request for access under the FOI Act.

These reasons are further to those issued to you on 5 January 2018 for Tranche 1. At least one further tranche of documents (Tranche 3) will remain to be processed after Tranche 2.

Scope of request

The scope of your request as revised at that time was set out in detail in the Tranche 1 decision, along with further information about the background of this matter including the original Information Commissioner review.

Following the Tranche 1 decision being issued on 5 January, you and representatives for and from the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) have had further discussions about the scope of this request. You agreed on 23 January 2018 to refine the scope of your request further, to:

- Exclude all duplicates, including duplicates as contained in email chains;
- Include only parts of the 'large spreadsheets' (these documents are to be processed as part of Tranche 3, with more detail about the finalised agreement on the scope of these documents to be set out in that decision).

I have made a decision to release in part further documents relevant to your request.

Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of *the Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**the FOI Act**) to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents.

Reasons for decision

In the schedule of documents at Annexure A to this decision I indicate the exemption provisions applied to each document.

My reasons for the application of these exemptions (section 47F being the personal privacy conditional exemption, and section 47G being the business affairs conditional exemption) and consideration of the public interest test are the same as those set out in the Tranche 1 decision.

Furthermore, where these documents contain irrelevant matter, I have prepared edited copies of the documents with that irrelevant matter deleted (redacted). The deleted information is email correspondence outside the date range of this request, where emails relevant to the scope of your request have been forwarded simply for the purpose of compiling documents within the scope of your FOI request.

As noted above, there is at least one further tranche of documents to consider as part of this request. Once you have confirmed the parts of large spreadsheets to which you seek access, we will confirm the timing for tranche 3. At that time we will also update you on our progress in retrieving archived attachments.

Contacts and review rights

I understand the Department's legal representatives are again providing you with my decision for Tranche 2, and you should contact them if you wish to discuss any aspect of this Tranche 2 decision, or the progress of the Tranche 3 decision. I understand you are aware of your rights of review, and have already sought Information Commissioner review of the deemed access refusal decision for this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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