



8 February 2019

[REDACTED]

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 18/09/01357
File Number: ADF2018/200641

[REDACTED]

Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 24 September 2018, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following documents:

Documents related to Secretary Michael Pezzullo's travel between September 24, 2018 and September 24, 2016, specifically documents or a summary related to the Secretary's overseas travel including dates of trips, durations, purposes of trips, costs of flights and accommodation, a list of accompanying staff names and their titles or any other individuals in the travelling party, countries visited and details of organisations he had meetings with.

2 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 records.

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the documents relevant to the request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)

- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access.

4 Documents in scope of request

The Department has identified two documents as falling within the scope of your request. These documents were in the possession of the Department on 24 September 2018 when your request was received.

In addition, in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 24 September 2018 when your FOI request was received.

Attachment A is a schedule which describes the relevant documents and sets out my decision in relation to each of them.

5 Decision

The decision in relation to the documents in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full
- Release two documents in part with deletions

6 Reasons for Decision

Detailed reasons for my decision are set out below.

6.1 Section 22 of the FOI Act – irrelevant to request

Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that if giving access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request, it is possible for the Department to prepare an edited copy of the document, modified by deletions, ensuring that the edited copy would not disclose any information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request.

Documents 2 and 3 are documents which contain information which goes beyond details of the Secretary's travel, and I consider that this additional information is outside the scope of your request, and therefore not relevant to your request.

I have therefore decided that parts of documents marked 's22(1)(a)(ii)' would disclose information that could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to your request, and have therefore prepared an edited copy of the documents, with the irrelevant material deleted pursuant to section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

The information contained within the documents that relates to travel by the Secretary has been released to you.

7 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00251>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

8 Your Review Rights

Internal Review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this 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 a 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:

By email to: foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au
OR
By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Home Affairs
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

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 this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

9 Making a Complaint

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department 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 Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

10 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.



**Authorised Decision Maker
Department of Home Affairs**

ATTACHMENT A

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS
REQUEST UNDER *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982***

FOI request: FA 18/09/01357

File Number: ADF2018/200641

No.	Date of document	No. of pages	Description	Decision on release	
1.	-	1-18	Expense Reports/Travel Expense Statements	Released in full	
2.	October 2018	8	Supplementary Estimates – October 2018	Released in part	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
3.	-	12	International travel for MIBP and Exec Oct 2016 – Oct 2017	Released in part	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)