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**Australian Public Service Commission**

Senator James Paterson  
Committee Chair  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
By email: [fpa.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fpa.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Senator Paterson

I wish to correct evidence given yesterday during the Australian Public Service Commission's appearance before Senate Estimates.

When asked to confirm details of the search undertaken of Mr Lloyd's emails, I stated that a global search had been done on the subject, topic and substance of emails looking for any reference to the IPA.

I have since been advised that this search was incorrectly undertaken for the period 26 August 2017 to 25 February 2018, and not for the correct 18 month period from 26 August 2016 to 25 February 2018.

This was an administrative error.

I can now confirm a full search of Mr Lloyd's emails including subject, topic and content has been undertaken for the correct period. It has identified a further email referencing the IPA, dated 6 July 2017, from the Commission's General Counsel to Mr Lloyd, referencing an FOI request.

To assist the Committee, this email is attached for reference.

I will ensure the response to the relevant question on notice is also corrected through the Committee Secretariat.

Yours sincerely

Jenet Connell  
Deputy Commissioner

22 May 2018

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**From:** LLOYD, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 July 2017 10:57  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Hicholls Society documents (C17/1026) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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This is ok for release

**John Lloyd PSM I Commissioner**

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**From:** BRAZEL, Damien  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 July 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Update: Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Hicholls Society documents (C17/1026) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Commissioner

The decision in the FOI matter of Whittaker is due today (6 July 2017). The original request is below.

I understand you have previously reviewed the documents proposed for release (a copy is **attached**, and I will deliver a hard copy to your office).

As this request was made via the Right to Know website, the decision and documents will be available once the decision is sent to the applicant.

The relevant third party has been consulted on the content of the documents proposed for release, and made no objections.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please let me know.

Regards

**Damien Brazel | General Counsel**  
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-----Original Message-----

From: FOI

Sent: Monday, 8 May 2017 12:54 PM

To: ;

Cc:

Subject: New Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Nicholls Society documents (C17/1026)  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good afternoon,

I write to notify you that the Commission has received a Freedom of Information request from Whittaker, via the website Right to Know. As you are likely aware, requests made via the Right to Know website are publically available.

The FOI request can be found in full below. The request seeks access to documents exchanged between APSC executive staff and persons associated with the Institute of Public Affairs and/or the H.R. Nicholls Society.

The following URL lists all the requests made by . You will see that the individual additionally made a request to IP Australia last week seeking access to year-on-year percentage pay increases for SES officers.

I will shortly forwarded this request to the executive team for action. It will be necessary for each member of the executive, including the Commissioner, to arrange for a search of their records to satisfy the scope of the request.

Clare could you please advise if the Commissioner would like to meet in relation to this matter.

Kind regards,

Legal Services

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Sunday, 7 May 2017 11:50 AM

To: FOI

Subject: Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Nicholls Society documents

Dear Australian Public Service Commission,

I'd like to make an FOI request for documents held by the APSC as a result of those documents being sent by any member of staff at the APSC who is categorised as SES, or as the 'Public Service Commissioner', to:

- (a) the Institute of Public Affairs;
- (b) the H.R. Nicholls Society; or
- (c) any person in their as capacity as a member, staffer or affiliate of those organisations.

Additionally, I seek access to any documents held by the APSC as a result of those documents being received by any member of staff at the APSC who is categorised as SES, or as the 'Public Service Commissioner', because those documents have been sent to a relevant person by the:

- (a) the Institute of Public Affairs;
- (b) the H.R. Nicholls Society; or
- (d) any person in their as capacity as a member, staffer or affiliate of those organisations.

A search of all items (using relevant search terms) in the email programs (eg. Microsoft Outlook) of each relevant SES staff member and the Public Service Commissioner will yield documents that fall within the terms of my request.

Thanks.