



Australian Government
Australian Public Service Commission

Mr Tasman Larnach
Acting Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration
By email: fpa.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Larnach

It has come to my attention that there was an error in the tabled response to the Additional Estimates (February 2018) Question on Notice reference number 2 – Email Records – Contact with IPA.

One further email has been identified referencing the IPA. The email is dated 6 July 2017, from the Commission's General Counsel to Mr Lloyd, referencing an FOI request.

The omission of this email from the original response was an administrative error.

Yours sincerely

Clare Page
Group Manager Corporate

22 May 2018

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Update: Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Hicholls Society documents
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 21 May 2018 4:11:37 PM
Importance: High

From: LLOYD,John
Sent: Thursday, 6 July 2017 10:57 AM
To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Update: Freedom of Information request - IPA and HR Hicholls Society documents
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Damien

This is ok for release

John Lloyd PSM I Commissioner

Australian Public Service Commission

Level 6, Aviation House, 16 Furzer Street, PHILLIP ACT 2606

| W: www.apsc.gov.au

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
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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
Legal Services

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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

[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 I Whittaker.

https://www.righttoknow.org.au/user/i_whittaker. 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

Australian Public Service Commission
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-----Original Message-----

From: I Whittaker

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.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

Is foi@apsc.gov.au the wrong address for Freedom of Information requests to Australian Public Service Commission? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://www.righttoknow.org.au/change_request/new?body=apsc

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<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers>

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