



Attachment A

DECISION RECORD

Request Details

FOI Request FA 17/02/00884
File Number ADF2017/23332

Original scope of request

1. On 22 February 2017 you requested:

'Any document recording, describing or evidencing policies or procedures of the Australian Border Force in relation to individuals entering or leaving Australia on an Australian government issued Convention Travel Document.'

Documents in scope

2. The Department has identified four documents relevant to your request. These documents were in the possession of the Department on 22 February 2017 when your request was received.
3. Three documents sourced refer to policy documents which are included in Procedures Advice Manual (PAM); available on LEGENDcom via the link - <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa/LEGE/subscribe-to-legendcom>:
 - Sch8/8559 - *Must not enter the country against which the visa holder was found to engage Australia's protection obligations;*
 - Sch8/8570 - *Restricted Travel and; Passports, travel documents and visa evidencing – Travel documents*
4. As these documents are available for purchase by the public in accordance with arrangements made by an agency, the Department is not required to release them under the FOI Act.

Authority to make decision

5. 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

6. In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- Consultations with relevant business areas; and
- The Australian Information Commissioner's guidelines relating to access to documents held by government; and consultations with relevant Departmental business areas.


Decision

7. I have decided to release one document within the scope of your request with irrelevant material deleted.

Deletion of irrelevant material under s.22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act

8. The material deleted under s.22(1)(a)(ii) comprises of information relating to passenger clearance which is not relevant to the scope of your request and has been deleted.

(signed electronically)


Authorised decision maker
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19 May 2017