



11 October 2017

BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 17/08/00505

File Number: ADF2017/86311

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision**

On 13 August 2017, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) received a request for access to document 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 document:

*The incident reports for cases of self-harm or attempted suicide among residents of the off-shore processing centers on Nauru and Manus Island for the financial year 2016/17, excluding identifying personal information.*

On 14 September 2017 you agreed to revise the scope of your request to the following documents:

*the number of reports of self-harm and, separately, the number of reports of attempted suicide for the financial year 2016/17. In other words, I would like the data figures in each case, e.g. 10 reports of X, and 20 reports of Y.*

On 21 September 2017 an officer of the Department advised you that in relation to your request for separate figures regarding self-harm and attempted suicide, the Department did not record these figures separately. All incidents of attempted suicide and self-harm are recorded as *self-harm* in the Department's databases.

On 21 September 2017 you agreed to proceed with your FOI request on the basis of the information provided by the Department above.

## 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 document or to amend or annotate records.

## 3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your 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 document to which you sought access
- the Department's guidance material on the FOI Act

## 4 Document in scope of request

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 13 August 2017 when your FOI request was received.

## 5 Decision

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

- Release one document in full

## 6 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.

## 7 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@border.gov.au](mailto:foi.reviews@border.gov.au)

OR

By mail to:

Freedom of Information Section

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

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>.

**8 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](mailto: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 Immigration and Border Protection as the relevant agency.

**9 Contacting the FOI Section**

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au).



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