



19 October 2017

**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 17/09/01001

File Number: ADF2017/103021

Dear [REDACTED],

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

On 22 September 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:

*How many 189 visa applications were LODGED with DIBP in the period 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 in the following occupational code;  
(not just invited but actually lodged)*

*2211 Accountants*

*2212 Auditors*

*2334 Electronics Engineer*

*2335 Industrial, Mech and Prod Engineers*

*2339 Other Engineering Professionals*

*2611 ICT Business and System Analysts*

*2613 Software/Applic Programmers*

*2631 Computer Network Professionals*

**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)
- 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 contain[s] information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 22 September 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>.

### 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).

*(signed electronically)*

  
FOI Officer | Freedom of Information Section  
FOI, Privacy and Records Management Branch  
Corporate Services Division  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection