



22 February 2018

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In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 18/02/00206
File Number: ADF2018/14999

Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 2 February 2018, the Department of Home Affairs (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:

In 2016-2017 a total of 2166 Italian citizens have been granted/approved a 2nd Working Holiday visa. Could you please provide me, an electronic copy (PDF or Excel Pivot table) of any database of applicants (Italian citizens only) approved/granted a second working holiday visa, subclass 417; including employment details such as: Industry worked in; Job title; Description of duties; Start date / End date; Postcode where work was completed. For financial year 2016-2017 (1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017).

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 document relevant to the 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

The Department has identified one document as falling within the scope of your request. This document was in the possession of the Department on 2 February 2018 when your request was received.

5 Decision

My decision is to release, in part, the documents within the scope of your request. I have decided to refuse access to the data including employment details such as job title, description of duties, start/end date and postcode where work was completed.

I have decided to release the document in full detailing the industry in which 417 visa holders worked in.

Detailed reasons for my decision are set out below:

6 Reasons for Decision

Section 24A of the FOI Act provided that the Department may refuse a request for access to a document if all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document and the Department is satisfied that the document does not exist.

In relation to information I have refused access to, I have consulted with the relevant business area and have been advised that information being sought '*such as job title, description of duties, start/end date and postcode where work was completed*' is not retained in a database maintained by the Department. Having considered this response, I am satisfied that the Department has undertaken reasonable searches in relation to your request and that no document in relation to this part of your FOI request was in the possession of the Department on 2 February 2018 when your FOI request was received. As such I am refusing access to this information requested by you based on the application of section 24A of the FOI Act.

7 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.

8 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@homeaffairs.gov.au

OR

By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Home Affairs
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>.

9 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

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 Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

10 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.


Authorised Decision Maker
Department of Home Affairs