

**From:** FOI  
**To:** Wolfe, Jim; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24/024 - Next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 8:36:29 AM  
**Attachments:** FOI 30-day Timeline.pdf  
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Freedom of Information (FOI): Information Sheet for Decision-Makers and Action Officers

Key Milestones / Processes

Day	Action	Who
Assessment Stage		
1-4	<b>Scoping Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This meeting is attended by the Decision-Maker, Action Officer (line area) and the FOI Team to discuss the scope of the request including the imposition of charges, timeframes, third party consultations, and any sensitivities for the FOI Team to identify applicable exemptions.</li></ul>	Decision-Maker Action Officer FOI Team
5-8	<b>Document Searches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Undertake document searches (documents include paper files, electronic documents, emails, hand written notes and photographs).</li><li>Should an email search by IT be required, please contact the FOI Team to coordinate.</li><li>For complex or voluminous requests, Action Officer to advise the FOI Team of the number of documents in scope.</li></ul>	Action Officer FOI Team
	<b>Draft Document Pack</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action Officer to provide documents and first draft schedule to the FOI Team.</li></ul>	Action Officer
9-10	<b>Estimate of Charges / Practical Refusal Notice / Identify Sensitivities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If charges are imposed, FOI Team will calculate the charges and prepare a notice for the Decision-Maker to authorise. The FOI Team will issue the notice to the applicant.</li><li>If the request is considered voluminous, the FOI Team will contact the applicant with a notice to revise the scope or withdraw the request.</li><li>Action Officer to advise the FOI Team of any sensitivities in the documents, likely harm or damage that could result from their release.</li></ul>	FOI Team Decision-Maker Action Officer
	<i><b>Note:</b> Negotiation of the scope of the request may occur if a practical refusal reason exists. If so, the FOI processing clock stops until the applicant revises the scope of the request. The FOI clock also stops when a charges notice is issued. The FOI clock re-starts when a payment is received or a waiver is sought from the applicant, or a revised scope is agreed to.</i>	
Processing Stage		
11-18	<b>Prepare Document Pack</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FOI team mark-up redactions and prepare document pack in consultation with Action Officer.</li></ul>	FOI Team Action Officer
15-21	<b>Consultation Period</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conduct third party consultation if required (additional 30 days processing time allocated).</li></ul>	FOI Team
22	<b>Draft Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Draft decision letter and statement of reasons.</li><li>Send document pack (decision letter and statement of reasons) to the Decision-Maker for consideration.</li></ul>	FOI Team Decision-Maker
Release Stage		
23-27	<b>Finalise Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decision-Maker signs statement of reasons (decision letter).</li><li>Decision-Maker to send authorised final decision and document pack to the FOI Team.</li></ul>	Decision-Maker FOI Team
28-30	<b>Issue Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FOI Team notifies the relevant Portfolio ministerial office, two days prior to the due date (for information only).</li></ul>	FOI Team
Add 30 days	If third party consultation is required, the processing time will be extended by an additional 30 days (60 day processing time in total).	

Roles and Responsibilities

Complying with the FOI Act is a statutory obligation with enforceable timeframes			
Authorised Decision-Makers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All SES are authorised Decision-Makers under the FOI Act.</li></ul>			
Roles and Responsibilities of Decision-Makers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meet with the FOI Team to discuss the scope of an FOI request.</li><li>Nominate an Action Officer to assist the FOI Team with processing the request.</li><li>Ensure document searches have been undertaken and work with the Action Officer to identify the relevant documents within scope of the request.</li><li>Authorise relevant charges estimates to be issued to applicants.</li><li>Make key decisions about how the department will respond to the request.</li><li>Consider early notification to the relevant minister’s office about the release of documents in the spirit of no surprises.</li></ul>			
Roles and Responsibilities of Action Officers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assist the FOI Team and support the Decision-Maker.</li><li>Identify documents in scope and prepare a document schedule.</li><li>Work with the Decision-Maker to identify documents that require inter-agency or third party consultation.</li><li>Provide advice to the FOI Team regarding sensitivities within the documents in scope.</li><li>Provide a copy of the schedule and documents to the FOI Team for processing.</li></ul>			
Roles and Responsibilities of FOI Team			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coordinate all FOI matters, with assistance from the line area and Action Officer(s), and provides specialist advice to the Decision-Maker regarding FOI processes and exemptions contained in the FOI Act.</li><li>Determine the validity of a request for access to departmental documents.</li><li>Communicate with the FOI applicant regarding the processing of the request, clarification or revision of the scope, managing extensions of time, and general enquiries from the applicant.</li><li>Conduct inter-agency and third party consultations.</li><li>Draft decision letters and prepare document packs for Decision-Makers, including Decision-Makers in Portfolio Ministerial Offices.</li><li>Assist Decision-Makers to meet statutory obligations under the FOI Act.</li><li>Manage internal reviews, external reviews (conducted by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner), and Administrative Appeals Tribunal.</li></ul>			
<p><b><i>The line area is considered the subject matter expert regarding documents sought by the applicant. Please ensure the FOI Team is appropriately briefed at the scoping meeting, and the Action Officer is readily available to assist in processing the request.</i></b></p>			
Exemptions			
Exemptions		Conditional Exemptions	
s33	Documents affecting national security, defence or international relations	s47B	Commonwealth-State relations
s34	Cabinet documents	s47C	Deliberative processes
s37	Documents affecting enforcement of law and protection of public safety	s47D	Financial or property interests of the Commonwealth
		s47E	Certain operations of agencies
s38	Documents to which secrecy provisions of enactments apply	s47F	Personal privacy
s42	Documents subject to legal professional privilege	s47G	Business Affairs
s45	Documents containing material obtained in confidence	s47J	Australia’s economy
s47	Documents disclosing trade secrets or commercially valuable information		
Details about these exemptions are set out in a separate Exemptions Factsheet available on <a href="#">ENTR</a> and <a href="#">Nish</a> .			

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**Date:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 8:37:00 AM  
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**From:** [FOI](#)  
**To:** [Wolfe, Jim](#); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24/026 - Search & Retrieval & Next Steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 8:51:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [FOI 30-day Timeline.pdf](#)  
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**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** [Wolfe, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24/026 - Search & Retrieval & Next Steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 11 September 2023 11:45:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii) Jim,

I confirm we have received the consultation response from s47E(d)

Unfortunately they have contended that all the documents be exempt in full for the following reasons:

s47C



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**For Action by COB Wednesday 13 Sept 2023**

Taking the above into consideration we need to finalise the decision on access.

Next steps are as follows:

- Review the submissions made by s47E(d)
- Make a final decision on access, for example whether the department accepts s47E(d) submissions and exempts:
  - Document 1 in full under: s 33, s 45 & s 47
  - Document 2 in full under: s 33 & s 45
  - Document 3 in full under: s 33, s 45 & s 47

Alternatively, if another decision is to be made, please let me know and I will organise a meeting to discuss further.

Please let me know if there are any issues.

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>

**Sent:** Thursday, 10 August 2023 5:27 PM

**To:** FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>

**Cc:** Wolfe, Jim <Jim.Wolfe@infrastructure.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24/026 - Search & Retrieval & Next Steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)

We have identified three documents in scope of FOI24/026.

The schedule, documents and FOI checklist are all included in the FOI file - [FOI 24-026 – 2.0 Documents for consideration](#).

More than happy to discuss.

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**Subject:** FOR VISIBILITY: Imminent release – FOI 24-024 - s47F (Australian Financial Review) – Briefs to Minister King - Qatar Airways" application - 28 new flights Doha/Sydney/Melbourne [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 20 September 2023 4:48:39 PM  
**Attachments:** image002.png

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Good afternoon,

Please be advised that the decision for this FOI will be released to the FOI applicant on **22 September 2023**. Full details of the request and the decision made are set out below.

<b>Applicant:</b>	s47F (Australian Financial Review)
<b>Date request received:</b>	24 July 2023
<b>Scope of request:</b>	All documents supplied by the Department to Minister King regarding Qatar Airways' application to operate 28 new flights each week between Doha and Sydney/Melbourne. Where there is a brief that has been signed, the scope of this request is for the signed version of the brief
<b>Statutory due date:</b>	22 September 2023
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Jim Wolfe – International Aviation
<b>Number of relevant documents:</b>	1
<b>Decision on access:</b>	1 document access refused under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• s 33(a)(iii) – International relations</li> <li>• s 45 – Confidentiality</li> <li>• s 47 – Commercially valuable information</li> <li>• s 47C – Deliberative material</li> </ul>
<b>Consultations undertaken:</b>	s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received –

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If you have any questions please let me know.

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**Date:** Wednesday, 20 September 2023 4:49:04 PM  
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<b>Decision maker:</b>	Jim Wolfe – International Aviation
<b>Number of relevant documents:</b>	1
<b>Decision on access:</b>	1 document access refused under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• s 33(a)(iii) – International relations</li> <li>• s 45 – Confidentiality</li> <li>• s 47 – Commercially valuable information</li> <li>• s 47C – Deliberative material</li> </ul>
<b>Consultations undertaken:</b>	s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified s47E(d) - response received – no concerns identified

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If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** Werner, Stephanie; Wolfe, Jim; JORDANOSKI, Cha; WOOD2, Lachlan; s22(1)(a)(ii); DLO CKing;  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); French, Angela; s22(1)(a)(ii); FOI;  
s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); Media (Infrastructure); Media (DEPL); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FOR VISIBILITY: Imminent release – FOI 24-026 - s47F (AFR) - Correspondence  
Qantas/Department - market access of foreign airlines [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 20 September 2023 4:49:27 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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Good afternoon,

Please be advised that the decision for this FOI will be released to the FOI applicant on **22 September 2023**. Full details of the request and the decision made are set out below.

<b>Applicant:</b>	s47F (Australian Financial Review)
<b>Date request received:</b>	24 July 2023
<b>Scope of request:</b>	All correspondence between Qantas and the Department regarding market access of foreign airlines sent between 1 July 2022 and the date of this request. Where there is a letter that contains other matters, I include in the scope of this request the entire letter.
<b>Statutory due date:</b>	22 September 2023
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Jim Wolfe – International Aviation
<b>Number of relevant documents:</b>	3
<b>Decision on access:</b>	3 documents access refused under: s33(a)(iii) – International relations s45 – Communicated in confidence s47 – Commercial in confidence s47F – Personal Privacy
<b>Consultations undertaken:</b>	s47E(d) - submissions received regarding exemptions and accepted in full by decision maker

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** FOI  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) ; s22(1)(a)(ii) ; Wolfe, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION: FOI 24-024 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023 6:06:50 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.png  
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FOI 24-024 - Decision Makers checklist.pdf  
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Hi Team

Final one for tonight

Decision letter and checklist attached.

Thanks so much

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**Sent:** Friday, 8 September 2023 8:21 AM  
**To:** Wolfe, Jim <Jim.Wolfe@infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
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**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
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**Subject:** FOR ACTION: FOI 24-024 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Jim,

The applicant on 24 July 2023 requested access to documents held by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The FOI applicant sought access to:

I request all documents supplied by the Department to Minister King regarding Qatar Airways' application to operate 28 new flights each week between Doha and Sydney/Melbourne. Where there is a brief that has been signed, the scope of this request is for the signed version of then brief.

I note you are nominated as the decision maker for this request.

Please [find attached SharePoint link here](#), containing the following for your review and signature:

- A. Decision makers checklist – **\*For your completion and signature**
- B. Draft Notice of decision – **\*For your signature**

I note the statutory due date for this matter is 22 September 2023, and as such we would be grateful if the above can be completed by **COB 18 September 2023**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the FOI section on the below should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** FOI; Wolfe, Jim  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) ; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION: FOI 24-025 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023 5:14:25 PM  
**Attachments:** image002.png  
FOI 24-025 - Decision Letter.pdf  
FOI 24-025 - Decision Makers checklist.pdf  
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Hi Team

FOI 24/025 Decision letter and checklist attached.

Kind regards

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The FOI applicant sought access to:

*I request please all documents held by the Department that constitute Departmental analysis relating to Qatar Airways' application to operate 28 new flights each week between Doha and Sydney/Melbourne. Where there is a brief that has been signed, the scope of this request is for the signed version of then brief. The scope of this request is between 1 July 2022 and the date of this request.*

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**To:** FOI; Wolfe, Jim  
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**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION: FOI 24-026 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023 6:03:46 PM  
**Attachments:** image002.png  
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii),  
 FOI24/026 Decision Letter and checklist.

Thanks for your patience.

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**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
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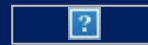
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