

From: s47E(c), s47F
To: FOI
Cc: s47E(c), s47F
Subject: RE: FOI 25-0348 – decision clearance email - due to applicant 10 June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 9:31:22 AM
Attachments: image001.png
image002.png
image003.png

Hi s47E(c), s47F

Thank you for your work on this request. Please see my comments below.

Notice of decision

I have reviewed the draft notice of decision and included my suggested edits and comments in this version: [D25-2420222](#). To avoid any confusion for the client area, can you please move the previous drafts of the notice of decision into a different TRIM folder?

Executive notification

I have reviewed the draft exec notification. Can you please make the following amendments:

- Check the distribution list, there is still a reference to Minister Wells' Office.
- Amend the date of the decision and the date the applicant will be notified of the decision.
- The exemptions applied needs to be checked to ensure it is consistent with the decision made.
- Consultation undertaken – my understanding was consultation was undertaken here.
- The attachments row – The TRIM Link should not be included here.
- The talking points need to be amended to reflect the changes in the table, e.g. the exemptions relied upon.

Once these changes are made s47E(c), can you please review?
s47F

Third p s47E(c) onsultation

As per), s47F email, can you please confirm that a tie off email has been sent to s22

Marked up documents

- s22
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- Document 8 – s47E(d), s47C
- s22

Any changes to the marked up documents will need to be reflected in the notice of decision, including the schedule.

s47E
Can you please work with (c), o make the changes as outlined above. Once these changes are made, this can be sent to s47F decision-maker.

Kind regards
s47E(c), s47F

– Freedom of Information Section

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Australian Government Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing

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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2025 11:48 AM

To: s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au>; FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FOI 25-0348 – decision clearance email - due to applicant 10 June 2025

[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning s47E(c),
s47F

I have updated the documents and decision letter for this request.

Kindly please review.

I had issues saving over the existing decision letter in CM, so saved a new version.

FOI Request number	FOI 25-0348
Risk Rating	High/Medium/Low based on FOI Clearance Process at D24-2370382
Related requests	Nil
Number of documents in scope	<p>Total number of documents in scope 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release in full 4 • Exempt in part (including s22) 8 <p>Total number of pages 83</p>
Exemptions applied	Conditional: 47E(c), 47E(d), 47F, 47G

	AO/DM Instructions TRIM: D25-2152626
Was Third Party Consultation undertaken?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Number of documents consulted 1</p> <p>Number of TPs consulted 1</p> <p>TPs that did not respond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIM: D25-1966502 <p>Are TP review rights required? No</p>
Clearance requested by:	Medium/Low Risk = 48 hrs
Additional information/notes	

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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From: s47E(c), s47F [@Health.gov.au>](mailto:@Health.gov.au)

Sent: Wednesday, 4 June 2025 4:17 PM

To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(c), s47F [@health.gov.au>](mailto:@health.gov.au)

Subject: RE: FOI 25-0348 – decision clearance email - due to applicant 10 June 2025
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47E(c), s47F

I have reviewed the NOD along with Rachel's instructions and note the following:

s22

s22

Once the amendments have been actioned, please send to **s47E** or review.
 (c),
 s47F

Regards

s47E(c), s47F

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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 30 May 2025 11:08 AM
To: **s47E(c), s47F** [@Health.gov.au>
Subject: FOI 25-0348 – decision clearance email - due to applicant 10 June 2025 \[SEC=OFFICIAL\]](mailto:@Health.gov.au)

Good morning **s47E(c), s47F**

FOI Request number	FOI 25-0348
Risk Rating	High/Medium/Low based on FOI Clearance Process at D24-2370382
Related requests	<i>Nil</i>
Number of documents in scope	<p>Total number of documents in scope 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release in full 4 • Exempt in part (including s22) 8 <p>Total number of pages 83</p>
Exemptions applied	<p>Conditional: 47E, 47G</p> <p>AO/DM Instructions TRIM: D25-2152626</p>

Was Third Party Consultation undertaken?	Yes Number of documents consulted 1 Number of TPs consulted 1 TPs that did not respond: • TRIM: D25-1966502
Clearance requested by:	Medium/Low Risk = 48 hrs
Additional information/notes	

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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From: [BLACKWOOD, Rachel](#)
To: [FOI; HSOB FOIs](#)
Cc: [s47E\(c\), s47F](#)
Subject: Redactions for FOI request 25-0348 LD – s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 16 May 2025 6:58:54 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[RE For advice by COB Monday 12 May FOI request 25-0348 LD SECOFFICIALSensitive ACCESSLegal-Privilege.msg](#)

Hi again [s47E\(c\), s47F](#)

Thank you for providing the marked up document pack, which I've reviewed. I sought advice from commercial law and [s47E\(c\), s47F](#) in HSOB on aspects of the documents. Thanks also to [s47E\(c\),](#) for identifying the document released in FOI 5115. Here is my view on required redactions.

I consider that most of the proposed redactions are not required and should be removed. The only redactions that I think should be made are:

- SES phone numbers (note, no staff names need to be redacted as they are all SES officers)
- s22
- Document 8, s42
- Document 8, Attachment A [s47E\(d\), s47C](#)

s22

I'm happy to discuss, or provide further information on the above, if that would be helpful.

s22

[REDACTED] . As per below, I am hopeful that we can provide a decision on this one to the applicant well before the extended deadline.

Thank you

Rachel

From: BLACKWOOD, Rachel

Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2025 10:58 AM

To: FOI ; HSOB FOIs

Cc: s47E(c), s47F

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION (response required by COB 6 May 2025): FOI request 25-0348 LD

_s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED] s47E(c), s47F

I think the only parts of the document that require consultation with s22 [REDACTED] are the following extracts:

• s22

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It would be good to commence consultation with s22 [REDACTED] ASAP so that we can consider their views and hopefully provide a decision to the applicant well before the extended deadline.

I'll get back to you separately with my views on redactions for the broader document pack.

Thank you

Rachel

Rachel Blackwood [Her/She]

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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 8 May 2025 9:06 AM

To: BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>; HSOB FOIs

s47E(d) [@health.gov.au>; FOI <\[FOI@health.gov.au\]\(mailto:FOI@health.gov.au\)>](mailto:@health.gov.au)

Cc: s47E(c), s47F [@health.gov.au>; s47E\(c\), s47F](mailto:@health.gov.au)

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Subject: RE: FOR ACTION (response required by COB 6 May 2025): FOI request 25-0348 LD

–s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Rachel,

Thank you for your email.

I will advise the FOI applicant of the requirement to consult with third parties this morning.

Please keep me updated on the status of s22 and any other relevant sensitivities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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Sent: Wednesday, 7 May 2025 3:18 PM

To: s47E(d) [@health.gov.au>; FOI <\[FOI@health.gov.au\]\(mailto:FOI@health.gov.au\)>](mailto:@health.gov.au)

Cc: s47E(c), s47F [@health.gov.au>; s47E\(c\), s47F](mailto:@health.gov.au)

[@Health.gov.au>; s47E\(c\), s47F \[@health.gov.au>; s47E\\(c\\), s47F \\[@Health.gov.au>\\]\\(mailto:@Health.gov.au\\)\]\(mailto:@health.gov.au\)](mailto:@Health.gov.au)

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION (response required by COB 6 May 2025): FOI request 25-0348 LD

–s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47E(c), s47F

As discussed with s47E(c), s47F, I think we should undertake consultation with s22 on the release of portions of these documents. Can you please advise the applicant of this ASAP?

Separately, we're also trying to establish whether the information in s22

has been released in any previous context, to inform my decision on whether it should be released. If the FOI team can assist in answering this, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you

Rachel

Rachel Blackwood [Her/She]

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From: HSOB FOIs [s47E\(d\) @health.gov.au](#)

Sent: Tuesday, 6 May 2025 8:14 PM

To: FOI <[FOI@health.gov.au](#)>; HSOB FOIs [s47E\(d\) @health.gov.au](#)

Cc: [s47E\(c\), s47F @health.gov.au](#); BLACKWOOD, Rachel <[Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au](#)>; [s47E\(c\), s47F @Health.gov.au](#); [s47E\(c\), s47F @health.gov.au](#)

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION (response required by COB 6 May 2025): FOI request 25-0348 LD –s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [s47E\(c\), s47F](#)

I've reviewed the markup will send through to Rachel for review/clearance.

Wanted to check if we undertook any Third Party Consultation on these documents? I don't have access to any other folders other than the documents for consideration folder and can't check if any TPC was conducted.

I realise these are department briefs but there is a fair bit of content that discusses service providers' and/or contractors' business operations. I'd appreciate some advice on whether we did, or should, undertake TPC.

Thanks

[s47E\(c\), s47F](#)

From: FOI <[FOI@health.gov.au](#)>

Sent: Monday, 5 May 2025 1:15 PM

To: [s47E\(c\), s47F @Health.gov.au](#);

HSOB FOIs [s47E\(d\) @health.gov.au](#)

Cc: [s47E\(c\), s47F @health.gov.au](#); BLACKWOOD, Rachel <[Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au](#)>; [s47E\(c\), s47F @Health.gov.au](#); [s47E\(c\), s47F @Health.gov.au](#); [s47E\(c\), s47F @health.gov.au](#); FOI <[FOI@health.gov.au](#)>

Subject: FOR ACTION (response required by COB 6 May 2025): FOI request 25-0348 LD –s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [s47E\(c\)](#) and team, happy Monday!

I am kindly following up on my email below and the **attached** document bundle with preliminary mark ups.

I would be grateful if you could please review the attached bundle and advise us of any additional sensitivities **by COB Tuesday, 6 May 2025**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,
[s47E\(c\),
s47F](#)

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From: FOI <[FOI@health.gov.au](#)>

Sent: Monday, 28 April 2025 2:00 PM

To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; HSOB FOIs s47E(d) @health.gov.au; BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au

Cc: s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au; s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au; s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au

Subject: TRIM: FOR ACTION (urgent): FOI request 25-0348 LD – s47F

[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47E(c) and team,

I have reviewed the documents identified as in scope of the FOI applicant's request and prepared a document bundle with some preliminary mark ups – please see **attached**.

I would be grateful if you could please review the attached bundle and advise us of any additional sensitivities **as soon as possible**. We can then finalise any additional marks up and prepare a draft decision letter for review.

Publicly Available Information

I note that some of the figures regarding contract amounts are publicly available and can be accessed via the internet (e.g., [Audit of the Future Fit program | Australian National Audit Office \(ANAO\)](#)). Generally speaking, the release of information that has already been made publicly available will not be unreasonable.

Legal Privilege (section 42)

I note that the document schedule lists 'legal privilege' next to several documents. Are you able to please provide us with some additional information to support this claim? We will need to satisfy the dominant purpose test and the independent legal adviser/client relationship test in order to rely on the exemption in section 42 of the FOI Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the documents.

Kind regards,
s47E(c), s47F

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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 5:11 PM

To: HSOB FOIs s47E(d) @health.gov.au; FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au; s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au; s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – s47F

[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [s47E(c), s47F]

Thank you very much for updating us on the Search and Retrieval efforts.

s22

In the meantime, I will review the documents and begin preparing draft decision material. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

[s47E(c), s47F]

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From: HSOB FOIs [s47E(d)] @health.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 4:29 PM

To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; BLACKWOOD, Rachel
<Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>

Cc: [s47E(c), s47F] @health.gov.au; [s47E(c), s47F]
[s47E(c), s47F] @Health.gov.au

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – [s47F] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Team

As discussed with [s47E(c), s47F] on Tuesday, documents have been assessed and schedule completed at [D25-1743238](https://d25-1743238). [s22]

[s47E(c), s47F] As these are all internal briefs, I don't believe TPC is required, but again would appreciate confirmation particularly on some briefs that discuss financial details (including funding requests) from service providers.

Thanks

[s47E(c), s47F]

From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2025 9:39 AM

To: BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>;
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Cc: [s47E(c), s47F] @health.gov.au; [s47E(c), s47F]
[s47E(c), s47F] @Health.gov.au

Subject: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – [s47F] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Rachel and [s47E(c), s47F]

On 29 March 2025, the department received a Freedom of Information (FOI) request from [s47F] requesting access to:

[A]ll senate estimates briefs/ hot issue briefs that contain the words "Miles Morgan Australia", "MMA" and "Future Fit" for the following Community

Affairs Senate Estimates:

- Thursday 26 October 2023
- Thursday 15 February 2024
- Thursday 6 June 2024
- Thursday 7 November 2024
- Wednesday 27 November 2024
- Wednesday 26 February 2025
- Friday 28 March 2025
- Wednesday 2 April 2025

You have been nominated as the FOI Decision Maker and Action Officer respectively for this request.

This case will be allocated to an FOI Case Officer who will be in contact with you shortly to discuss how to proceed with processing this request.

Processing time period

- The current statutory due date for this matter is **28 April 2025**.
- A decision needs to be made by no later than 3 days before the due date in accordance with department's FOI [Corporate Business Rules \(CBR 10\)](#).
- In some instances, an extension may be required to process an FOI request.
- The FOI Case Officer will be able to advise if or when an extension may be required.

Action Required

Within 5 business days of this email (by **8 April 2025**):

1. **Scope** - familiarise yourself with the scope of the request and determine whether you can clearly identify what the Applicant is seeking.
 - a. In the event that the scope is too broad or too vague, please contact the FOI Section as soon as possible so that consultation with the applicant can take place, as required.
2. **Initial Meeting** – the FOI Case Officer will contact you both to arrange an initial meeting to discuss the outcome of the progress of the FOI and next steps.
3. **Search and retrieval** – the Action Officer will undertake a search for all relevant documents in accordance with these [Search and Retrieval instructions](#).
4. **PDF Documents** – the Action Officer will:
 - a. convert all relevant documents to PDF format
 - b. highlight (using the pdf highlight tool) material you believe may be exempt
 - c. add the highlighted pdf documents to the “Documents for consideration” TRIM container here: [E25-163011](#)
 - d. advise FOI team once documents have all been uploaded into TRIM

container

5. **Schedule of documents** – the Action Officer will complete the schedule of documents contained in the above TRIM folder, incorporating notes on sensitivities relating to the highlighted material and advice on any external stakeholder consultations that may be required.

Executive notifications and media interest

- The FOI team will notify the relevant Executive that this FOI request has been received and that you are the Decision Maker.
- Once the decision is made, the FOI Case Officer will notify the relevant Executive of your decision.
- This notification must be done 3 days prior to the decision being sent to the Applicant.
- Media talking points and/or Deputy Secretary briefing may be required if the decision and the release of documents are anticipated to generate media interest.
- The department may also notify other Commonwealth agencies if the release of a document may result in questions being directed to those agencies.

Further Information

FOI is a crucial part of the department's legal requirements and there are a number of legislative and corporate business requirements which need to be met between now and the time a decision is made.

All FOI requests received by the department must be processed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and CBR 10.

An FOI decision maker must have regard to the FOI guidelines when making their decision on access.

To assist you, we have included the following resources:

- [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#)
- [The Freedom of information guidelines | OAIC](#)
- [Corporate Business Rules 10 – January 2020](#)
- A [summary of exemptions and conditional exemptions](#)
- [FOI Processing flow chart](#)
- The department's [FOI Intranet Page](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact your FOI Case Officer if you have any questions about processing this FOI request.

Kind regards,
s47E(c), s47F

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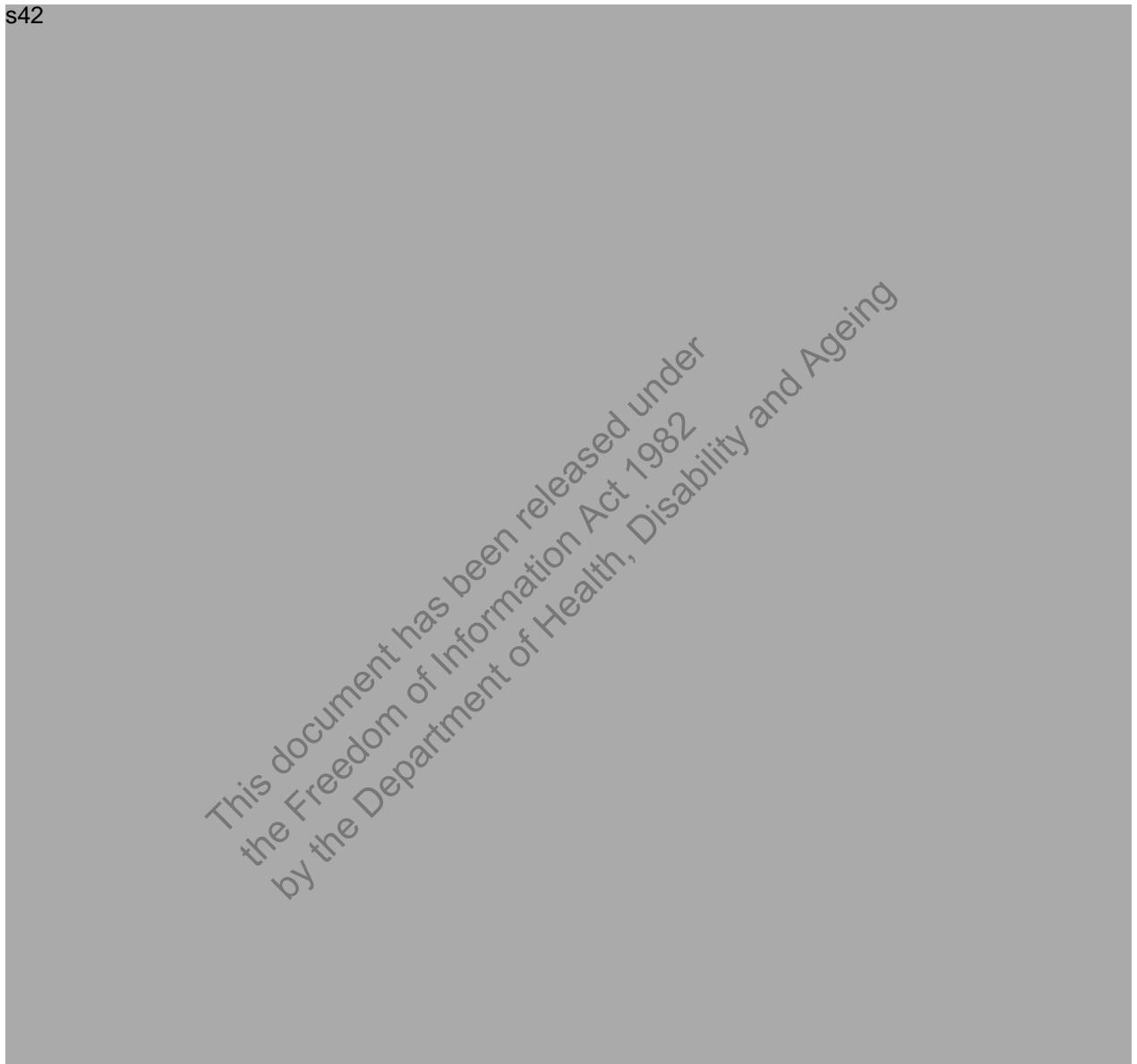
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Cc: [PAXINOS, Danae](#); [PURDY, Melissa](#); s47E(c), s47F; [FOI](#); [HSOB FOIS](#); s47E(c), s47F
Subject: RE: For advice by COB Monday 12 May: FOI request 25-0348 LD [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]
Date: Monday, 12 May 2025 4:29:40 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Hi Rachel,

s42



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Regards,

s47E(c), s47F

Commercial Law Section

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To: s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au; s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au
Cc: PAXINOS, Danae <Danae.Paxinos@health.gov.au>; PURDY, Melissa
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Subject: For advice by COB Monday 12 May: FOI request 25-0348 LD [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive,
ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]
Importance: High

Hi s47E(c), s47F

I'm the decision maker for FOI-0348 which sought all estimates briefs related to the Future Fit program, as outlined below. As you would expect for estimates briefs, I consider that most of the material should be released. There are only a couple of passages where I am considering potential redactions. (For context, the attached document bundle contains a number of suggested markups which I am working through, but I do not agree with most of them).

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Thank you. I'm happy to set up a meeting to discuss.

Rachel

Rachel Blackwood [Her/She]
Assistant Secretary

Access and Home Support Division | Ageing and Aged Care Group

Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care
 T: 02 ~~s47E(c), s47F~~ | E: Rachel.Blackwood@health.gov.au

Executive Assistant: ~~s47E(c),~~
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Making flexibility work - if you receive an email from me outside of normal business hours, I'm sending it at a time that suits me. I'm not expecting you to read or reply until normal business hours.

From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 5 May 2025 1:15 PM
To: ~~s47E(c), s47F~~ [@Health.gov.au>; HSOB
 FOIs ~~s47E\(d\)~~ \[@health.gov.au">
Cc: ~~s47E\\(c\\), s47F~~ \\[@health.gov.au>; BLACKWOOD, Rachel
 <\\\[Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au\\\]\\\(mailto:Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au\\\)>; ~~s47E\\\(c\\\), s47F~~ \\\[@Health.gov.au>; ~~s47E\\\\(c\\\\),~~
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 <\\\\\\[FOI@health.gov.au\\\\\\]\\\\\\(mailto:FOI@health.gov.au\\\\\\)>
Subject: FOR ACTION \\\\\\(response required by COB 6 May 2025\\\\\\): FOI request 25-0348 LD – ~~s47F~~
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Hi ~~s47E(c)~~ and team, happy Monday!

I am kindly following up on my email below and the **attached** document bundle with preliminary mark ups.

I would be grateful if you could please review the attached bundle and advise us of any additional sensitivities **by COB Tuesday, 6 May 2025**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,

~~s47E(c),
 s47F~~

**FOI Case Officer – Freedom of Information Section
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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 28 April 2025 2:00 PM
To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; HSOB FOIs ~~s47E(d)~~ [@health.gov.au>; BLACKWOOD, Rachel](mailto:@health.gov.au)

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 [REDACTED] @Health.gov.au
Cc: **s47E(c), s47F** [REDACTED] @health.gov.au; **s47E(c),**
 [REDACTED] @Health.gov.au; **s47E(c), s47F** [REDACTED] @Health.gov.au;
s47E(c), s47F [REDACTED] @Health.gov.au
Subject: TRIM: FOR ACTION (urgent): FOI request 25-0348 LD – **s47F** [REDACTED] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi **s47E(c)** and team,

I have reviewed the documents identified as in scope of the FOI applicant's request and prepared a document bundle with some preliminary mark ups – please see **attached**.

I would be grateful if you could please review the attached bundle and advise us of any additional sensitivities **as soon as possible**. We can then finalise any additional marks up and prepare a draft decision letter for review.

Publicly Available Information

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I note that some of the figures regarding contract amounts are publicly available and can be accessed via the internet (e.g., [Audit of the Future Fit program | Australian National Audit Office \(ANAO\)](#)). Generally speaking, the release of information that has already been made publicly available will not be unreasonable.

Legal Privilege (section 42)

I note that the document schedule lists 'legal privilege' next to several documents. Are you able to please provide us with some additional information to support this claim? We will need to satisfy the dominant purpose test and the independent legal adviser/client relationship test in order to rely on the exemption in section 42 of the FOI Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the documents.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 5:11 PM

To: HSOB FOIs **s47E(d)** @health.gov.au; FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; **s47E(c), s47F**

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Cc: **s47E(c), s47F** @health.gov.au; **s47E(c),**

@Health.gov.au; **s47E(c), s47F** @Health.gov.au;

s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – **s47F** [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi **s47E(c),**
s47F

Thank you very much for updating us on the Search and Retrieval efforts.

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. In the meantime, I will review the documents and begin preparing draft decision material.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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From: HSOB FOIs **s47E(d)** @health.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 4:29 PM

To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>; BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>

Cc: **s47E(c), s47F** @health.gov.au; **s47E(c),**

@Health.gov.au

Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – **s47F** [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Team

As discussed with **s47** on Tuesday, documents have been assessed and schedule **E(c)**

completed at D25-1743238. s22

As these are all internal briefs, I don't believe TPC is required, but again would appreciate confirmation particularly on some briefs that discuss financial details (including funding requests) from service providers.

Thanks

s47E(c), s47F

From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2025 9:39 AM

To: BLACKWOOD, Rachel <Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F
[@Health.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(c), s47F
[@Health.gov.au> s47E(c),
s47F
[@Health.gov.au>

Subject: FOR ACTION: FOI request 25-0348 LD – s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Rachel and s47E(c), s47F

On 29 March 2025, the department received a Freedom of Information (FOI) request from s47F requesting access to:

[A]ll senate estimates briefs/hot issue briefs that contain the words "Miles Morgan Australia", "MMA" and "Future Fit" for the following Community Affairs Senate Estimates:

- *Thursday 26 October 2023*
- *Thursday 15 February 2024*
- *Thursday 6 June 2024*
- *Thursday 7 November 2024*
- *Wednesday 27 November 2024*
- *Wednesday 26 February 2025*
- *Friday 28 March 2025*
- *Wednesday 2 April 2025*

You have been nominated as the FOI Decision Maker and Action Officer respectively for this request.

This case will be allocated to an FOI Case Officer who will be in contact with you shortly to discuss how to proceed with processing this request.

Processing time period

- The current statutory due date for this matter is **28 April 2025**.
- A decision needs to be made by no later than 3 days before the due date in accordance with department's FOI [Corporate Business Rules \(CBR 10\)](#).

- In some instances, an extension may be required to process an FOI request.
- The FOI Case Officer will be able to advise if or when an extension may be required.

Action Required

Within 5 business days of this email (by **8 April 2025**):

1. **Scope** - familiarise yourself with the scope of the request and determine whether you can clearly identify what the Applicant is seeking.
 - a. In the event that the scope is too broad or too vague, please contact the FOI Section as soon as possible so that consultation with the applicant can take place, as required.
2. **Initial Meeting** – the FOI Case Officer will contact you both to arrange an initial meeting to discuss the outcome of the progress of the FOI and next steps.
3. **Search and retrieval** – the Action Officer will undertake a search for all relevant documents in accordance with these [Search and Retrieval instructions](#).
4. **PDF Documents** – the Action Officer will:
 - a. convert all relevant documents to PDF format
 - b. highlight (using the pdf highlight tool) material you believe may be exempt
 - c. add the highlighted pdf documents to the “Documents for consideration” TRIM container here: [E25-163011](#)
 - d. **advise FOI team once documents have all been uploaded into TRIM container**
5. **Schedule of documents** – the Action Officer will complete the schedule of documents contained in the above TRIM folder, incorporating notes on sensitivities relating to the highlighted material and advice on any external stakeholder consultations that may be required.

Executive notifications and media interest

- The FOI team will notify the relevant Executive that this FOI request has been received and that you are the Decision Maker.
- Once the decision is made, the FOI Case Officer will notify the relevant Executive of your decision.
- This notification must be done 3 days prior to the decision being sent to the Applicant.
- Media talking points and/or Deputy Secretary briefing may be required if the decision and the release of documents are anticipated to generate media interest.
- The department may also notify other Commonwealth agencies if the release of a document may result in questions being directed to those agencies.

Further Information

FOI is a crucial part of the department's legal requirements and there are a number of legislative and corporate business requirements which need to be met between now and the time a decision is made.

All FOI requests received by the department must be processed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and CBR 10.

An FOI decision maker must have regard to the FOI guidelines when making their decision on access.

To assist you, we have included the following resources:

- [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#)
- The [Freedom of information guidelines | OAIC](#)
- [Corporate Business Rules 10 – January 2020](#)
- A [summary of exemptions and conditional exemptions](#)
- [FOI Processing flow chart](#)
- The department's [FOI Intranet Page](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact your FOI Case Officer if you have any questions about processing this FOI request.

Kind regards,
s47E(c), s47F

Freedom of Information Section

Legal Advice and Legislation Branch

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From: s47E(c), s47F
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: FOI Request Received - FOI 25-0348 LD - s47F - (AHSD/HSOB) - Senate Estimates Briefs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 4 April 2025 12:43:56 PM
Attachments: FOIs 2025 spreadsheet listing all documents found.xlsx
FOI 25-0348 - Search Retrieval checklist - signed by EN 4 April 2025.pdf
image002.png
image003.png

Sorry, forgot to copy in the new FOI mailbox.

From: s47E(c), s47F
Sent: Friday, 4 April 2025 12:42 PM
To: s47E(c), s47F
Cc: BLACKWOOD, Rachel
Subject: RE: FOI Request Received - FOI 25-0348 LD - s47F - (AHSD/HSOB) - Senate Estimates Briefs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
H s47E(c), s47F

This search is completed. I have filed all relevant PDF documents in E25-163011.

I am attaching the signed checklist and my spreadsheet listing the documents found, as I was unable to save these in Content Manager, due to the "Container" box requiring text and I was unsure what to type in.

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s47E(c), s47F

From: s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2025 12:07 PM
To: s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au>
Cc: s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au> BLACKWOOD, Rachel
<Rachel.BLACKWOOD@Health.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOI Request Received - FOI 25-0348 LD - s47F - (AHSD/HSOB) - Senate Estimates Briefs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hey s47E(c), s47F

Can I get you to do the Search and Retrieval for this FOI request?

All the FAS and AS briefs are in SharePoint, and HIBs are in PDMS.

- You might need to check with [s47E\(c\)](#) about the FAS briefs because I think she has a separate sharepoint page where Thea might adjust the brief.
- **Can you convert all the briefs to PDF Documents –**
 - Save pdf documents to the “Documents for consideration” TRIM container here: [E25-163011](#)
 - **Let me know once documents have all been uploaded into TRIM container**
- **Schedule of documents** –start completing the schedule of documents contained in the above TRIM folder. We will be able to help out with the sensitivities.
- **Complete the attached FOI search and retrieval checklist and save it in the [E25-163011](#)**

Can you also send the attached coord out to the following divisions:

- Integrity and Assurance Division
- Legal Division
- People, Communication and Parliamentary Division

I'll check in with you shortly.

in accordance with
s47E(c), s47F

From: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 April 2025 9:53 AM

To: STEWART, Sonja <Sonja.STEWART@Health.gov.au>; CONNOLLY, Thea <Thea.Connolly@health.gov.au>; s47E(c) <@Health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F <@Health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F/F <@Health.gov.au>

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[@Health.gov.au](#), **s47E(c), s47F** [@health.gov.au](#), **s47E(c), s47F**

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Subject: FOI Request Received - FOI_2023-01-D - s47E (AUSDI-USDP) - Senate Estimates Briefs

Subject: FOI Request Received - FOI 25-0348 LD - S47 F - (AHSU/HSUB) - Senate Estimates Briefs
[SEC. OFFICIAL]

In accordance with Computer Privacy Rule 10, FOI Requests, this email is being sent to notify you of a Freedom of

In accordance with

Information (FOI)

Applicant: s47-F
Scope of request: [A]ll senate estimates briefs/ hot issue briefs that contain the words "Miles

Applicant:	S47F	
Scope of request:		[A]ll senate estimates briefs/ hot issue briefs that contain the words "Miles Morgan Australia", "MMA" and "Future Fit" for the following Community Affairs Senate Estimates:
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1641 1233 1657">• Thursday 15 February 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1657 1233 1671">• Thursday 6 June 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1671 1233 1686">• Thursday 7 November 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1686 1233 1702">• Wednesday 27 November 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1702 1233 1715">• Wednesday 26 February 2025
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1715 1233 1731">• Friday 28 March 2025
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="595 1731 1233 1747">• Wednesday 2 April 2025
Date received:	29 March 2025	
Date decision due to applicant:	28 April 2025	
Sensitivities:	You will be consulted separately by the Decision Maker regarding any sensitivities identified in relation to this request.	

Decision maker:	Rachel Blackwood Assistant Secretary Home Support Operations Branch s47E(c), s47F
Action and next steps:	No action is required in relation to this notification. You will be notified of the decision three (3) days before the Applicant is advised of the decision.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

Freedom of Information Section

Legal Advice and Legislation Branch

Legal Division | Corporate Operations Group

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FOI Request 25-0348 (DUE 8/4/2025)	OUTCOME: Sent to 4/4/25 12.41pm		
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	Document	Number of pages	Comments
26 October 2023			
AS07 - CHSP issues of concern - DRAFT OCT 2023 (not AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	8	This document did not show as AS cleared in SP
AS08 - Meals on Wheels - DRAFT OCT 2023 (not AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	3	This document did not show as AS cleared in SP
s47E(c), s47F confirmed no FAS brief	FAS Brief	0	
15 February 2024			
SB24-000067 - Jan 2024	HIB	3	
AS04 - CHSP reforms and extension - FINAL - Feb 2024 (AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	9	
AS07 - CHSP issues of concern - FINAL - FEB 2024 (AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	7	
AS08 - CHSP Meals on Wheels - FINAL - FEB 2024 (AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	11	
s47E(c), s47F confirmed no FAS brief	FAS Brief	0	
6 June 2024			
AS07 - CHSP issues of concern - DRAFT - May 2024 (not AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	9	This document did not show as AS cleared in SP
AS08 - CHSP Meals on Wheels - DRAFT - May 2024 (not AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	22	This document did not show as AS cleared in SP
SB24-000105- May 2024	HIB	3	
s47E(c), s47F confirmed no FAS brief	FAS Brief	0	
7 November 2024			
AS08 - CHSP Meals on Wheels - DRAFT - Nov 2024 (AS cleared in SP)	HSOB Brief	18	
SE FAS brief MoW and FF - November 2024	FAS Brief	19	
AS07 - CHSP issues of concern - November 2024`	HSOB Brief	0	No mention of MMN or FF
SB24-000263 Meals on Wheels - Nov 2024	HIB	3	
26 February 2025			
AS04 - CHSP Meals on Wheels - Feb 2025 (AS cleared from OneNote)	HSOB Brief	11	
SE Corporate Brief MoW and FF - February 2025	Corp Brief	10	
SB25-000069 Meals on Wheels - Feb 2025	HIB	4	
No FAS brief for MoW	FAS Brief	0	
AS07 - CHSP issues of concern - February 2025`	HSOB Brief	0	No mention of MMN or FF
28 March 2025			
SB25-000175 Meals on Wheels - March 2025	HIB	3	
No updates to HSOB Brief or FAS briefs- used same briefs from Feb 2025		0	SE was cancelled due to election called
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