

Mbx\_FOI <FOI@bom.gov.au> 

17 May 2013 10:50 AM

To: Roberts Malcolm

RE: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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30/5693

Hi Malcolm

Thanks for your email. The purpose of the letter of 22 April 2013 was to notify you that the decision-maker had decided that he had determined that a charge was payable before access could be provided to the information you sought. At this point, the applicant can either a) agree to pay the charge; b) contend the calculation of the charge; c) request that the charge be reduced or waived altogether or d) not proceed with their application.

Given the range of options available to the applicant, we issue the charges determination before the decision-maker undertakes any further work to finalise processing the request, such as determining whether any of the relevant documents contain exempt information under the Act which will not be released.

This is why Para 15 of your letter indicates that the processing period for your request is extended to take into account the period in which any required charge is not paid.

Now that we have received payment from you, the decision-maker is finalising his decisions. A decision letter will be provided to you by 23 May, which will convey the final access decision, including whether all of the identified documents will be released in full, or whether some are exempt (in whole or part). If exemptions are claimed, these will be explained in that letter, together with your review rights.

I hope this clarifies the process. Please feel free to contact me if you need further information.

Regards

Patrick

FOI Coordinator

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [catalyst@eis.net.au]

**Sent:** Thursday, 16 May 2013 6:17 PM

**To:** Mbx\_FOI

**Subject:** Re: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you, Patrick.

Why is a decision needed? What is to be decided?

My impression is that BOM FOI had made a decision to provide the material sought and for which I paid \$420.

Malcolm

On 16/05/2013, at 2:20 PM, Mbx\_FOI wrote:

Hi Malcolm

Further to my email below, a decision in this FOI matter is due to be made by Thursday 23 May 2013. To explain:

- the processing clock stopped on 22 April, when the charges determination was issued to you – 9 days remaining on clock once payment received in full.
- Charges were paid in full on 14 May
- New date for decision is Thursday 23 May 2013.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Kind regards

Patrick

**Patrick Ferry** | FOI Coordinator

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [mailto:[catalyst@eis.net.au](mailto:catalyst@eis.net.au)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 May 2013 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mbx\_FOI  
**Subject:** Re: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you, Patrick.

Malcolm

On 15/05/2013, at 2:18 PM, Mbx\_FOI wrote:

Hi Malcolm

Sorry about this - the invoices are sent out direct from our Finance area - hence the different email address. I am not in the office today, but will be in touch via email tomorrow to give you the exact timeframe on release.

Regards

Patrick

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [mailto:[catalyst@eis.net.au](mailto:catalyst@eis.net.au)]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 May 2013 3:58 PM  
**To:** Mbx\_FOI  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Patrick.

The invoice arrived last Thursday in an email that used *BOM* and not *FOI* in the email sender's address. I missed it.

Please ignore earlier email a few minutes ago.

Malcolm

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Malcolm Roberts <[malcolmr@conscious.com.au](mailto:malcolmr@conscious.com.au)>  
**Date:** 13 May 2013 3:55:48 PM AEST  
**To:** Mbx\_FOI <[FOI@bom.gov.au](mailto:FOI@bom.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Patrick.

Has an invoice been raised?

Malcolm

On 01/05/2013, at 7:02 PM, Mbx\_FOI wrote:

Hi Malcolm

thanks for this notification. I will get an invoice request into the system as soon as possible. Once the invoice has been raised, you can then make the payment via phone.

Regards

Patrick

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [mailto:malcolmr@conscious.com.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 May 2013 12:53 PM  
**To:** Records  
**Subject:** Re: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you, Patrick.

I've decided to purchase the material.

Please advise details for paying the \$420 by Visa Card.

Malcolm

On 26/04/2013, at 4:23 PM, Records wrote:

Hi Malcolm

Thanks for your email. The standard method is cheque, but we can also arrange for payment via visa card – we need to generate an invoice which we then send to you, which provides the relevant phone number to call.

Kind regards

Patrick

**Patrick Ferry** | FOI Coordinator

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**From:** Malcolm Roberts [mailto:malcolmr@conscious.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 April 2013 3:07 PM  
**To:** Patrick Ferry  
**Subject:** Re: FOI 30/5693 - Update on your FOI Application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you, Patrick.

If I agree to pay BOM's search charge, how is payment to be made? eg, Direct Deposit transfer of funds electronically to BOM's bank account and if so account details? Or Visa credit card payment by phone and if so whom do I call to pay?

Malcolm

On 22/04/2013, at 2:37 PM, Patrick Ferry wrote:

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Hi Malcolm

Please find attached a letter regarding the progress of your FOI application.

Kind regards

Patrick

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