

**Statement from a spokesperson for the Attorney-General's Office:**

“The Government is committed to ensuring the Freedom of Information Act is operating effectively.

“It is vital the public sees how the government makes decisions and can access that information.

“Last year as part of the Privacy Legislation Amendment (Enforcement and Other Measures) Act 2022 the Government strengthened the powers of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

“That included empowering the Commissioner to delegate certain functions to senior members of staff to secure faster decisions in the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

“These functions include:

- making a decision on an Information Commissioner review,
- discretion not to investigate, or continue to investigate, an FOI complaint, and
- obligation to notify on completion of FOI investigation.

“The Attorney-General's Department is promoting the Information Commissioner's guidance and advice to FOI practitioners through new and updated FOI Guidelines and training across Commonwealth departments.”