By email:

Dear



Corporate Affairs

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FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2013-056

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act). Your original request dated 19 December 2013 was refined subsequent correspondence, and on 4 February 2014 the scope of your request was clarified to be a request for the following:

"all documents between Jan 2012 and the date of the application written or prepared by Ms Juanita Phillips, her superiors in the news divisions (as high up as any discovered communication chain goes, including executives to Mark Scott) relating to any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that relates to her duties."

I am authorised by the Managing Director under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests made under that Act. Following is my decision in relation to your request.

Locating and identifying documents

I have taken reasonable steps to identify and locate all relevant documents. My search for these documents involved contacting:

- Office of the Director, News;
- Head of Policy and Staff Development in the News Division;
- Head of Newsgathering;
- Deputy Head News Gathering & NSW News Editor; and
- Director, Corporate Affairs.

I requested that searches be conducted of all hard and soft copy records for documents which fall within the scope of your request. As a result of those searches, the following 11 documents were identified:

Document 1 Email string dated 22 October 2012

Document 2 Email string dated 16 April 2013

Document 3 Email string dated 18 April 2013

Document 4 Email string dated 18 April 2013

Document 5 Email string dated between 19 April and 1 May 2013

Document 6 Email string dated 6 May 2013

Document 7 Email string dated 6 May 2013

Document 8 Email string dated 6 May 2013

Document 9 Email dated 6 May 2013

Document 10 Email string dated 17 October 2013

Document 11 Briefing note, undated

Access to documents

Access is granted to documents 1 – 11 inclusive.

Documents 5 and 10 contain some information which could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access, namely personal information about individual audience members. Section 22 of the FOI Act allows access to be granted to an edited copy of a document if it is reasonably practicable to remove irrelevant material. Accordingly, Documents 5 and 10 have been redacted to remove irrelevant information.

Copies of the documents to which access is granted are attached.

Please note that in identifying relevant documents, I have excluded duplicates of the same document. Accordingly, email messages which appear as part of a string have not also been included as separate emails.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review. Information about your review rights is attached.

Yours sincerely

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