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#### **FOI APPLICATION**

Dear

I refer to your letter of 28 April 2011 in which you sought access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act). Specifically, you have requested access to the following documents:

- 1. All email correspondence between ... Mark Scott and Margaret Simons between 1 Jan 2004 and 28 April 2011;
- 2. All written correspondence including letters, memos, notes and briefing notes between Mr Scott and Ms Simons1 Jan 2004 and 28 April 2011;
- 3. All email correspondence between Mark Scott and Crikey staff, including journalists and management;
- 4. Any claims for meals, drinks or other expenses claimed with the ABC by Mr Scott for meetings with Ms Simons;
- 5. Any emails between ABC media staff and Ms Simons1 Jan 2004 and 28 April 2011.
- 6. Any emails between ABC media staff and Crikey staff between 1 Jan 2004 and 28 April 2011.

The scope of your request was clarified further during our email exchange on 3 May 2011. Accordingly, I have determined your request on the basis that:

- The scope was limited to 1 January 2004 to 1 January 2007, all of 2008, and 1 January 2011 to 28 April 2011. However, I note that the ABC's email archive does not extend back beyond January 2008.
- "ABC media staff" means Michael Millet, Director of Communications and Sandy Culkoff, Head of Corporate Communications;
- "Crikey staff" means Eric Beecher, Jonathan Green, Sophie Black, Andrew Crook or Andrew Dodd.

Following is my decision in relation to your request.

## Points 1 and 2 – correspondence between Mark Scott and Margaret Simons

I have identified 13 emails between Mark Scott and Margaret Simons. Access to those documents is granted, and copies are attached.

There is no other written correspondence between them, and no documents or notes from any meetings.

## Point 3 – email correspondence between Mark Scott and Crikey staff

I have identified 1 email between Mark Scott and Sophie Black. Access to that document is granted, and a copy is attached.

#### Point 4 – expense claims

ABC records indicate that Mr Scott was scheduled to have lunch with Margaret Simons on 27 February 2009. I have requested from the ABC's accounts department copies of any claim for reimbursement of expenses associated with that lunch appointment however that search is still underway. If any such claim was made, access to the relevant documents will be granted and I will provide you with copies as soon as they are available.

# Point 5 – email correspondence between ABC media staff and Margaret Simons

I have identified 41 documents which fall within the scope of this part of your request. Access to those documents is granted, and copies are attached.

## Point 6 – email correspondence between ABC media staff and Crikey staff

I have identified 2 documents containing emails between Sandy Culkoff and Jonathan Green. Access to those documents is granted, and copies are attached.

Yours sincerely

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