

Corporate Affairs

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By email:

Dear

I refer to your email of 9 July 2012 in which you sought access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act). You have requested access to the following documents:

Written or electronic records detailing the number, cost and class of all airline, train and ferry tickets purchased in the 2011-12 financial year and separately the 2010-11 financial year for travel between the cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Hobart and Darwin.

You have indicated that you would like the information separately for travel undertaken for ABC 1, ABC 2, ABC 3 and ABC 24 and in each case further broken down for production and support staff, presenters, guests and executives and route.

I confirm that 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 access to the above documents.

I have identified electronic databases which contain most of the information you have sought. Reports can be generated from those databases which identify the number, cost and class of travel undertaken by individuals engaged by the ABC. I have obtained separate reports for 2010-11 and 2011-12. Access to those reports is granted, a copies are attached.

You will see that the reports identify the Division within the ABC which was responsible for each journey. However, I have been advised that it is not possible to generate a report which provides a breakdown of travel undertaken for ABC1, ABC2, ABC3 and ABC News 24, nor by "production and support staff, presenters, guests and executives". While it may be possible to manually prepare such a report, the time and resources required to do so would be significant, and would give rise to a practical refusal reason.

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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