



By email:

Dear

## Corporate Affairs

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## FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2013-09

I am writing in relation to your recent request made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act). Specifically, you have sought access to the following documents:

Copies of all gift registers, or an ABC-wide collated version, since 1 January 2010.

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.

I have identified 138 documents which fall within the scope of your request. Access to those documents is granted.

In accordance with Regulation 11(1) of the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982* (the Charges Regulation), the ABC is not permitted to release documents pursuant to an FOI request until the balance owing is paid. Please be advised that the outstanding amount, being \$120.00, is due and payable within 30 days.

In total, ABC staff spent approximately 10 hours (as estimated) in reviewing and identifying documents, undertaking consultations, and finalising this FOI decision. In addition, more than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours (originally estimated at 4 hours) was spent in searching for documents, providing advice and undertaking administrative tasks related to this FOI request. I have waived the additional charges associated with the extra processing time as permitted by Regulation 3 of the Charges Regulation. A summary of the time and charges relating to this matter is set out below.

Search and Retrieval Time	4 hours @ \$15.00 per hour	\$60.00
Decision Making Time <sup>1</sup>	5 hours @ \$20.00 per hour	\$100.00
Total Processing Fees		\$160.00
Deposit Paid		-\$ 40.00
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING		\$120.00

If you contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed, you must notify the ABC of your contention, providing reasons, and evidence where relevant, to support

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The first 5 hours of processing time are excluded

your submission. In deciding whether to reduce or not to impose a charge, I will consider all relevant factors, including whether payment of the charge, or a part of it, would cause you financial hardship; and whether the giving of access is in the general public interest.

If you agree to pay the charges set out above, you should make arrangements to the ABC using the attached payment form.

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

**Judith Maude** 

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