Dear

I refer to your email of 3 May 2011, which attached your request for access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, you have sought access to documents "relating to an ABC internal investigation which took place in 1995 ... into the Aboriginal television program Blackout". You have indicated that the investigation was undertaken by the "Internal Audit Unit" following concerns expressed relating to the "improper functioning" of the program.

The ABC does not have any documents which meet this description. I note that the documents you have requested are more than 15 years old, which exceeds the time period that the ABC is required to keep records of this kind. This may explain the lack of documentation.

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.

Regards

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