

## Corporate Affairs

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Dear

## **FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2014-035**

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in your email of 19 October 2014. Specifically, you have sought access to the following documents:

"Any documents relating to travel allowance claims made by ABC Journalists based in Tasmania for the period 1 April 2014 to 18 October 2014."

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 the following relevant people, who in turn consulted with relevant managers and staff within their respective teams:

- Head News and Current Affairs, Tasmania
- Head, Finance.

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 21 documents were identified:

Document 1	Travel Allowance authority for travel 8 April 2014 to 9 April 2014
Document 2	Travel Allowance authority for travel 17 April 2014 to 18 April 2014
Document 3	Travel Allowance authority for travel 29 April 2014 to 30 April 2014
Document 4	Travel Allowance authority for travel 14 May 2014 to 15 May 2014
Document 5	Travel Allowance authority for travel 18 May 2014 to 22 May 2014

Document 6	Travel Allowance authority for travel 21 May 2014 to 22 May 2014
Document 7	Travel Allowance authority for travel 22 May 2014 to 23 May 2014
Document 8	Travel Allowance authority for travel 28 May 2014 to 29 May 2014
Document 9	Travel Allowance authority for travel 10 June 2014 to 11 June 2014
Document 10	Travel Allowance authority for travel 19 June 2014 to 20 June 2014
Document 11	Travel Allowance authority for travel 9 July 2014 to 11 July 2014
Document 12	Travel Allowance authority for travel 9 July 2014 to 11 July 2014
Document 13	Travel Allowance authority for travel 22 July 2014 to 23 July 2014
Document 14	Travel Allowance authority for travel 25 July 2014 to 27 July 2014
Document 15	Travel Allowance authority for travel 1 August 2014 to 3 August 2014
Document 16	Travel Allowance authority for travel 6 August 2014 to 7 August 2014
Document 17	Travel Allowance authority for travel 26 August 2014 to 27 August 2014
Document 18	Travel Allowance authority for travel 18 September 2014 to 19 September 2014
Document 19	Travel Allowance authority for travel 29 September 2014 to 1 October 2014
Document 20	Travel Allowance authority for travel 10 October 2014 to 11 October 2014
Document 21	Travel Allowance authority for travel 10 October 2014 to 12 October 2014

Access is granted to Documents 1 to 21 inclusive, and copies are attached.

I note that the Documents contain some information which could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access, namely the personal information of ABC employees. 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 1 to 21 have been redacted to remove irrelevant information.

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

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** 

Head, Corporate Governance