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Dear Darren,

Freedom of Information Request no. FOI17/044 - Third party consultation notice

Your request covers documents which concern relations between the Commonwealth and an international organisation, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit). [The Department](#) is required to consult with Unidroit (under section 15(7) of the FOI Act) before making a decision on the release of those documents.

The consultation mechanism under section 15(7) applies when we believe it is appropriate to consult an international organisation to help us determine whether the requested documents are exempt because their release may cause damage to relations between the Commonwealth and the [international organisation](#) or may divulge information communicated by that organisation in confidence. We will take into account any comments we receive from Unidroit but the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents you requested rests with this Department. For this reason, the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow us time to consult with Unidroit (section 15(8) of the FOI Act).

[More information about exemptions under the FOI Act is available in Fact Sheet 8 on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website: http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-resources/freedom-of-information-fact-sheets/.](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-resources/freedom-of-information-fact-sheets/)

Therefore, in light of the above, the revised date for finalising your request is **29 April 2017**.

Yours sincerely

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Aug 1, 2017, 11:28 AM

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Dear Mr Dickson

Freedom of information request FOI17/044

Please find attached the decision, documents and the schedule of documents in relation to your freedom of information request FOI17/044.

As the department did not make the decision within the statutory time frame for your request, the department cannot impose a charge for processing your request. Accordingly the department will refund the deposit of \$98.33 to you. To facilitate this could you please complete and send back the attached vendor creation form and reconfirm your full name and address. If you could also provide us your BSB and Account number the department will transfer the amount into your account. Alternatively the department can issue a cheque in your name.

Yours sincerely

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