

## **Australian Government**

# Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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4 October 2019

Mr Michael Littlefair
By email: lytlefeara@gmail.com

Dear Mr Littlefair

## Re. Freedom of Information Request

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

On 4 September 2019, you requested:

"documents related to my presence on "Mission Europe" conducted by DFAT in May 2011. My presence on the mission was confined to Russia (Kemerovo and Moscow.)"

I am authorised under <u>section 23 of the FOI Act</u> to make decisions in relation to FOI requests, and have been appointed to be the decision-maker on your request.

Searches conducted by the Department found no documents relevant to your request. I am therefore unable to meet your request in accordance with the provisions of section 24A(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act as the Department holds no documents relevant to it.

Your review rights are attached for your reference.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the FOI and Privacy Law Section by email to: foi@dfat.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Buckingham

Director

Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section

### Your review rights

#### Internal review

You may apply for internal review of the decision (section 54 of the FOI Act). The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Where possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary.

The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Any request for internal review should be directed via email to <a href="mailto:foi@dfat.gov.au">foi@dfat.gov.au</a> or addressed to:

Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade R G Casey Building John McEwen Crescent Barton ACT 0221 Australia

Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply within 60 days of the date of this letter to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision (section 54L of the FOI Act).

You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision (section 70 of the FOI Act). Making such a complaint about the way the Department has handled your FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of my decision.

Further information on applying for an Australian Information Commissioner review is available at: <a href="https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process">https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process</a>

Further information about how to make a complaint is available at: <a href="http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints">http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints</a>