
Freedom of Information Acknowledgement - 2025/146 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Ms Hart

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2025 in which you made a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department). [The terms of your request are set out below \(extract\):](#)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1982, I seek public access to a report prepared in 2021 by the Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (BETA), which recommended:

"Providing vaccinated people with personal freedoms, and restricting the freedoms of those who aren't, is likely to drive vaccine uptake." (My emphasis.)

Timeframe for receiving your decision

The 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after the Department received your request, you should therefore expect a decision from us by 28 July 2025. The processing period of 30 days may be extended in certain circumstances and we will write to you separately regarding any extension of time.

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Kind regards

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