

From: S 22
To: [FOI](#)
Subject: Phone msg - FOI enquiries line [~~DLM - For Official Use Only~~]
Date: Tuesday, 15 November 2016 12:25:40 PM

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Hi FOI, can someone please give s 22 a call back, he wants an update on PMO/2016/041.
His number is s 22
Thanks,^s₂₂

From: FOI
To: s 22
Cc: [Arnaudo, Peter; FOI](#)
Subject: RE: For advice - FOI -s 22 - Message sent by PM on WhatsApp - FOI/PMO/2016/041
 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2016 2:24:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.gif](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

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Hi s 22 —s 47C will be coming your way on this hopefully today.
 I've drafted it as through s 47C
 Thanks, s 22

From: FOI
Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2016 2:09 PM
To: s 22
Cc: Arnaudo, Peter ; FOI
Subject: For advice - FOI -s 22 - Message sent by PM on WhatsApp -
 FOI/PMO/2016/041 ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~
Importance: High

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Hi s 22
 This FOI applicant is seeking an update on the status of his FOI request, see email below. Can you provide me an update on status to pass on to the applicant?
 The due date for the request was 12 November 2016, so it is overdue.
 In the meantime, I will be advising the applicant that I have referred his email to the PMO for advice.
 Regards
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From: s 22]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2016 1:57 PM
To: FOI
Subject: Checking in on status of FOI
 Hi s 22

Sorry to bug you, I just thought I'd check in on my Whatsapp FOI (2016/041). Any progress at all?
 Do you think you know when it might be ready?
 Thanks
 s 22

s 22

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

From: [FOI](#)
To: s 22
Cc: [Arnaudo, Peter](#); [FOI](#)
Subject: s 47C [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2016 3:32:12 PM

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Hi s 22 —following our meeting on Monday two s 47C have
been drafted and saved in the G Drive (in their own folders):

- PMO/FOI/2016/041

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To assist with moving these matters along, I've drafted s 47C
this process aligns with how we manage s 47C in the Department.
Happy to talk through any questions.

Thanks, s 22

s 22 | Senior Adviser

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From: [FOI](#)
To: s 22
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: FW: Signed FOI letter - s 22 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 22 December 2016 9:01:44 AM
Attachments: [Signed - FOI-PMO-2016-041 - Letter to Mr Joyner.pdf](#)

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Hi s 22 -could you please arrange for the attached to be issued today. Happy s 22 or s 22 to
safe eyes
Cheers, s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2016 6:45 PM
To: FOI
Cc: DLO
Subject: Signed FOI letter - s 22 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Good evening
s 22 has signed the attached letter responding to an FOI request from s 22 .
FOI/PMO/2016/041. Hard copy will be returned with next MCU run.
Thanks!
s 22
s 22 | Departmental Liaison Officer
Office of the Prime Minister, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
s 22



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Reference: FOI/PMO/2016/041

s 22

By email:^{s 22}

Dear^{s 22}

I refer to your email of 14 October 2016, in which you made a request to the Prime Minister under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) for access to:

All messages sent or received via the WhatsApp platform by the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to or from members of Cabinet from July 1 until present on the subject of the proposed plebiscite to amend the Marriage Act.

I write to advise you of my decision on your FOI request.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised by the Prime Minister to make decisions on his behalf in relation to requests made under the FOI Act.

Searches

Searches were made by staff in the Office of the Prime Minister for any documents within the scope of your request.

As a result of these searches I have identified no documents within the scope of your request.

Decision

I have decided to refuse the request under subparagraph 24A (1) (b) (ii) of the FOI Act. My reasons for decision are set out below.

Reasons for decision

Subsection 24A (1) of the FOI Act provides that:

An agency or Minister may refuse a request for access to a document if:

- (a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document;
and
- (b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:
 - (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found; or
 - (ii) does not exist.

I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify documents relevant to the applicant's request and that no documents relevant to the request are in the possession of the Department. I have therefore decided to refuse the request under subparagraph 24A (1) (b) (ii) of the FOI Act.

Review rights

Information about applicants' rights of review is attached to this decision.

Complaint rights

The applicant may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision. Making a complaint about the way the Department has handled an FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of the Department's decision. Further information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>.

Yours sincerely

s 22



ALISTAIR CAMPBELL

21 DEC 2016

From: [FOI](#)
To: s 22
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: Applicant seeking update - FOI/PMO/2017/005-s 22 Communication re FOI/PMO/2016/041
and s 22 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 8 March 2017 3:26:35 PM

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Hi s 22

s 22 rang the FOI line this afternoon seeking updates on his FOI request. He asked if someone could give him a call on his mobile, s 22 .

Cheers,

s 22

FOI Adviser

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