

RE: [EXT] - Re: FOI2025-049 | FOI2025-017 Freedom of Information

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Good Morning Hanyu

Thank you for your email. Thank you for allowing an extension of time until 2 October 2025 for the internal review of FOI application FOI2025-017.

Kind Regards

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Dear Courtney,

Thank you for your email providing an update on these two matters.

Regarding FOI2025-049: Thank you for conveying the offer for me to meet with [redacted]. However, to ensure a clear, unambiguous, and permanent public record, I respectfully decline this offer and will continue to rely on the formal process under the Freedom of Information Act 1992 to obtain the requested documents or a formal written statement regarding their existence.

Regarding the Internal Review for FOI2025-017: I note your request for a two-week extension to finalize the internal review. Given that the statutory timeframe for an internal review (15 days) is one-third of that for an original application (45 days), I believe a proportional extension is appropriate. I am therefore agreeable to a one-week extension, setting the revised due date as Thursday, 2 October 2025. I trust the Department will meet this revised date without further extensions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I look forward to receiving the written decision within the revised timeframe.

Kind regards,

Hanyu

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Good afternoon, Hanyu

I refer to two of your access application requests under the Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA) made to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) regarding the activities of Designated Inspectors (DI's) in relation to animal welfare enforcement in Western Australia.

FOI2025-0049

DPIRD is currently processing your FOI application which requests:

"I seek access to the following three discrete categories of documents held by DPIRD and authored or sent by DPIRD for the period 1 January 2022 to present. To minimise burden, this request excludes duplicates, calendar invites, meeting room bookings, purely logistical emails (time/venue only), media lines, and documents subject to Legal Professional Privilege (LPP); edited copies are requested where practicable.

1) Ministerial / Parliamentary briefings on the DI program
Documents sought: briefing notes ("ministerials"), submissions, reports, Estimates/Questions-on-Notice briefing packs, or formal correspondence submitted by DPIRD to any WA Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Parliamentary Committee concerning:

- DI operational performance, inspection outputs/outcomes, record-keeping/data integrity, or identified regulatory/compliance issues.

If no such documents exist, please provide an explicit statement confirming that no formal briefing or report on the DI program's operation or effectiveness has been provided to the Minister or Parliament since 1 Jan 2022.

2) Communications with external integrity agencies (OAG / Ombudsman)
Documents sought: formal correspondence, memoranda, or meeting records between DPIRD and the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) or Ombudsman WA concerning:

- the DI regulatory framework, record-keeping practices, or any identified data gaps/deficiencies.

(For clarity, this request is confined to DPIRD<->OAG/Ombudsman exchanges; it does not seek documents held solely by those agencies.)

If no such communications exist, please state explicitly that DPIRD has not sought review, advice, or guidance from OAG or Ombudsman in relation to the DI program since 1 Jan 2022.

3) Internal risk / compliance assessments concerning DI statutory duties
Documents sought: internal compliance reports, risk assessments, internal audit reports, risk-register entries, or management briefings produced by DPIRD that assess legal, financial or reputational risks arising from potential or actual failures to meet statutory animal-welfare obligations via the DI program.

(Note: This does not seek LPP legal advice; it seeks DPIRD's internal audit/risk/compliance materials created to inform executives and manage exposure.)

If no such records exist, please state explicitly that DPIRD holds no formal risk, audit or compliance records assessing its exposure arising from the DI program since 1 Jan 2022."

To assist to provide you with greater understanding of the legislation relating to, and operations of, General Inspectors, and the power provided which authorises the transition of a General Inspector to Designated Inspector the Director Regional Compliance South has offered to speak or meet with you to provide further information. Please contact [redacted]

[redacted] - Director Regional Compliance South, on [redacted] or [redacted] dpird.wa.gov.au.

FOI2025-0017

DPIRD is currently processing your request for an internal review of the decision. The internal review decision maker requires additional time in order to complete the review, and provide you with a decision. Could you please advise if you are agreeable to a two-week extension of time, until close of business 9 October 2025?

Please note, the internal review decision maker will endeavour to finalise the application as soon as practicable prior to the revised date.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kind Regards

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