

From: [FOI](#)
To: [CR](#)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: RE: Acknowledgement: Freedom of Information Request - LEX 2983 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185151]
Date: Friday, 9 August 2024 2:59:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email and confirming this.

I will be in touch again in due course to update you on your request.

Kind regards,

s 22

FOI OFFICER
AFP LEGAL – CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

Australian Federal Police



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-----Original Message-----

From: CR <foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 10:16 AM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Acknowledgement: Freedom of Information Request - LEX 2983 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185151]

Dear FOI Officer,

I consent to exclude the following information:

- o Names of AFP members, other than the Senior Executive; and
- o Direct telephone numbers, middle names of AFP members, signatures and mobile telephone numbers of AFP members.
- o Names and identifying information (including images) relating to third parties.

Yours sincerely,

CR

-----Original Message-----

OFFICIAL

Good evening CR

I refer to your request dated 30 July 2024, seeking access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act) as follows:

Request:

A list of all internet domains seized or taken down by the AFP, or by another law enforcement agency in a joint international law enforcement operation involving the AFP, from 1 January 2020 to 30 July 2024.

For example, this request includes domains such as:

o "[warzone[.]ws - Malicious URL]" and "[breachforums[.]is - Malicious Link]" (seized by the FBI in joint operations with the AFP)

o The domain associated with LabHost, taken down in Operation Nebulae

(referenced in the AFP media release:

[1]<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing>)

o Any other domains where a "takedown notice" or similar message was

displayed by the AFP or partner agencies following the seizure or

disruption, similar to the actions taken against child abuse websites

mentioned in this AFP media release:

[2]<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who>

(Quote: "Visitors to these sites will now see a 'takedown notice'

issued by the AFP and cannot access previously-hosted child

exploitation material.")

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For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action.

Timeframe

Your request was received by the AFP on 30 July 2024, and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from that date. The due date for your request is 29 August 2024.

Information irrelevant to the scope of your request

The AFP, in its management of FOI requests, excludes the following information on the basis that it is irrelevant to the scope of a request:

- o duplicate documents, including duplicate emails (the AFP will only provide emails where they form a final email chain and the authors/recipients are contained within the final email); and
- o information that is publicly available, for example, newspaper articles, online publications including information available on the AFP Information Publication Scheme and the AFP disclosure log.

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information:

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Information Publication Scheme

Please be advised that effective 1 May 2011 and in accordance with section 8(2) of the Act, an agency is required to publish information on the AFP website following the notification of a decision in respect of a freedom of information request. Details of the decision will be published in a Disclosure Log which can be found at

[3]<https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/information-publication-scheme/routinely-requested-information-and-disclosure-log>.

The requirement to publish information released under FOI reinforces the objectives of the FOI Act to promote a pro-disclosure culture across government, and to increase recognition that information held by government is a national resource. Exceptions to the requirement to publish information would apply to personal information and information

concerning the business affairs of a person if it was considered
'unreasonable' to do so.

If however, after noting the above, you wish to raise any concerns about
the publication of information concerning your request prior to the
notification of a decision, please advise the AFP in writing before 29
August 2024.

If you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not
hesitate to contact the FOI team at [4][AFP request email].

Kind regards,

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FOI OFFICER

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References

Visible links

1. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing>
2. <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who>
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4. [mailto:\[AFP request email\]](mailto:[AFP request email])
5. <http://www.afp.gov.au/>

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

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This request has been made by an individual using Right to Know. This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. More information on how Right to Know works can be found at:

<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers>

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an FOI officer, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's FOI page.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

From: [LEX alerts \(AFP\)](#)
To: [FOI](#)
Subject: New request in your name (1 August 2024)
Date: Thursday, 1 August 2024 7:25:19 AM

This is an alert from LEX (AFP FOI). Please do not reply to this message. To log in, click [s 47E\(d\)](#)

[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) has just created a new request assigned to you.

CR - Right to Know

LEX ID: 2983
Short title: Internet domains seized or take down by AFP from 1/1/20 to 30/7/24
Decision Maker: [s 22](#)
Primary area: Cyber Command
Request type/outcome: FOI - FOI access request - *No outcome yet
Notifiable: No
Request captures: Other
Transfer: N/A
ITR:
Disclosure Log:
Security classification: OFFICIAL
Status: Registered
Access level: Unrestricted
Charges notified (\$): 0
Charges collected (\$): 0
Received/valid: 30 Jul 2024
Decision ntfld/wdn/tsfrd:
Finalised:
Scope: Request:

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Notes:

Contact

Details:

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To: s 22
Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025 11:39:43 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image001.gif](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image005.gif](#)
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s 22
TEAM LEADER SPT CAA
COVERT AND TECHNICAL OPERATIONS
Tel: s 22



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To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>;
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Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22 ,

To the best of my knowledge, CAA does not have access to any information to be able to respond to this request. Other possible sources could be Interpol Canberra and DSC.

Regards

s 22

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TL INSPECTIONS AND REPORTING TEAM
INTELLIGENCE & COVERT SERVICES
Tel: s 22

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No documents in scope

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<input type="checkbox"/> Official Diary/Diaries		<input type="checkbox"/> USB/data storage devices	
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Time recording

Please also advise the number of hours of time undertaken to conduct searches and retrieve documents.

Due to statutory timeframes in the Act that the AFP **must** comply with, please provide a response by **Monday, 19 August 2024**.

Happy to discuss this further, thank you for your assistance with this request.

Kind regards,

s 22

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AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

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From: s 47E(d)
To: s 22
Cc: s 47E(d)
Subject: For C CTHG clearance. FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Due: TODAY [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 2:10:57 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[FW FOI LEX 2871 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Monday 22 July 2024 AFP-L.FID181049_SECOFFICIAL.msg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

s 22 - For consideration and progression to Commander CTHG for clearance please .
DEADLINE: Today.
FOI are looking for it. Had to wait for WA response that has just come through.

a/C CTHQ

Requesting CT Commander level clearance to provide a response of 'nil holdings' to FOI enquiry LEX 2983.
DEADLINE: Today.

This enquiry is similar in nature to LEX2871, to which CT provided a 'nil holdings' response last month. A copy is attached for reference.

Noted changes in this new inquiry:

- Change of date range to 01.01.2020 to 31.07.2024
- Change of terminology to include 'taken down'

AFP FOI's highlighted comment below, advise they are looking to establish a paper trail and assume a similar 'nil to report' response to this request.

JCTT 's and ERI Capability have been consulted and responded 'Nil CT Holdings'.

Regards,

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:12 PM
To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d)@afp.gov.au; s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

The AFP has received a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (Act) seeking access to the following documents:

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No documents in scope

If there are no documents within the scope of the request for access, please provide a "nil" response.

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From: [Freeman, Bill](#)
To: s 47E(d)
Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 12:48:56 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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OFFICIAL

Good morning Team,
Apologies for being late.

Nil from QJCTT.

Best Regards,
s 22

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT BILL FREEMAN

Writing to you from Turrbal and Yuggera Country
PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF COMMANDER CT NORTH
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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From: s 22 (Inspector) s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Freeman, Bill s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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CT Superintendents and acting Superintendents
For input
DEADLINE: **Noon (AEST) Monday 19.08.24**

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Please let me know if you have any questions
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To: s 22
Cc: s 47E(d); s 22
Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 11:24:11 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[RE FOI LEX 2871 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Monday 22 July 2024 AFP-L.FID181049 SECOFFICIAL.msg](#)
[image001.gif](#)
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

Thank you for answering the call. As discussed, would really appreciate a response this morning if possible. I need to have the final Command response cleared by a C CTHQ before I can send it back to FOI.

Regards,
s 22

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
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From: s 47E(d)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:07 AM
To: s 22 <afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 22 <@afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d)
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Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s 22,

You may have seen a missed call from me yesterday. I am looking for a response to this FOI.

For ease of reference I have attached a copy of WA JCTT's response to the earlier request.

If you need more time to this request could you please let me know as soon as possible and I'll liaise with AFP FOI to seek an extension.

Regards,
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Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:12 PM
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To: s 47E(d) ; s 47E(d) ; s 22
Subject: FW: For CCTHQ clearance. FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Due: TODAY [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 5:17:10 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[FW FOI LEX 2871 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Monday 22 July 2024 AFP-L.FID181049_SECOFFICIAL.msg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
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Cleared with Nil Holdings for CTHQ.

A/COMMANDER YVONNE CROZIER APM

CTHQ
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au **On Behalf Of** s 47E(d)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 3:31 PM
To: Crozier, Yvonne s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
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a/CCTHQ

FOR CLEARANCE BY COB TODAY - *apologies for the tight turnaround, we had to chase a few regions.*

CTSC are requesting CT Commander level clearance to provide a response of 'nil holdings' to FOI enquiry LEX 2983.

This enquiry is similar in nature to LEX2871, to which CT provided a 'nil holdings' response last month. [A copy is attached for reference.](#)

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Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

TEAM LEADER DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
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Tel: [REDACTED] s 22

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From: s 47E(d)
To: s 22
Cc: s 47E(d)
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 16 August 2024 12:47:32 PM
Attachments: [image005.gif](#)
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From: s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 9:32 AM
To: s 47E(d) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team,

Nothing further to contribute from CTHQ (JCTT/ICTIR/ICTIC).

Regards,

s 22 .

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT s 22
Writing to you from Ngunnawal Country
SUPERINTENDENT HQ INVESTIGATIONS
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Nothing from us thanks

DETECTIVE (A) INSPECTOR s 22

INVESTIGATIONS MANAGER - INTERNATIONAL CT AND JCTT ACT
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To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>

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Hi s 22,

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From: s 47E(d)
To: s 22
Cc: s 47E(d)
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 3:04:28 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22
s 22 did send a response through this morning thank you. We are having major Outlook stoppages at the moment so my apologies for the delayed response.
Regards,
s 22

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:06 AM
To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning s 22
Deepest apologies, I was called away from the office. I believe s 22 has sorted you out?
Regards

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR s 22
Counter Terrorism and Protection, WESTERN COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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From: [REDACTED] s 47E(d) [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:08 AM

To: [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] afp.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

[REDACTED] s 47E(d) [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>

Subject: FW: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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[REDACTED] s 22

[REDACTED] s 22

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COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: [REDACTED] s 22

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From: [REDACTED] s 47E(d) [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:20 AM

To: [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] afp.gov.au>;

[REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 22

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Cc: [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 22 [REDACTED] @afp.gov.au>;

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Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:55 AM

To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>; s 22 afp.gov.au>;
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For input

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COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 11:58:36 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
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OFFICIAL

Thanks s 22
And fully understandable about the operational priorities.
Regards,

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:54 AM
To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning I have spoken to s 22 and he will provide response. Please note limited ability to have achieved this last week due to operational matters.

Regards

From: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 11:52 AM
To: s 22 afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s 22
Thanks for the response.
This was initially sent to you as A/Supt JCTT QLD. s 22 had already provided a response for CTHHQ Investigations.
Would you like me to follow up with s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Regards,
s 22

s 22

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:29 AM

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OFFICIAL

Good morning nil from CTSI HQ – JCTT./ICTIR.

Regards

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR s 22

CTSI HQ - JCTT ACT & INTERNATIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM RESPONSE
COUNTER TERRORISM AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 1:12 PM

To: s 47E(d) <@afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d) <@afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d) <@afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d) <@afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d)
s 47E(d) <afp.gov.au>

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

The AFP has received a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (Act) seeking access to the following documents:

A list of all internet domains seized or taken down by the AFP, or by another law enforcement agency in a joint international law enforcement operation involving the AFP, from 1 January 2020 to 30 July 2024.

For example, this request includes domains such as:

- "warzone.ws" and "breachforums.is" (seized by the FBI in joint operations with the AFP)
- The domain associated with LabHost, taken down in Operation Nebulae (referenced in the AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing>)
- Any other domains where a "takedown notice" or similar message was displayed by the AFP or partner agencies following the seizure or disruption, similar to the actions taken against child abuse websites mentioned in this AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news->

[centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who](#)
(Quote: "Visitors to these sites will now see a 'takedown notice' issued by the AFP and cannot access previously-hosted child exploitation material.")

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Kind regards,

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Cc: s 22 ; s 47E(d)
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 2:00:04 PM
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Many thanks s 22
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s 22

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: s 22



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From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:39 AM
To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 22 afp.gov.au>; s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hello s 22

In respect to the below FOI, I can confirm that we have nil records from WA-JCTT. The following entities were searched to form this response, taking about one hour to complete:

X PROMIS	Seizures/Exhibits pertaining to WA-JCTT investigations	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Notebook(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> AFP Email System (Outlook)		X Electronic directories (H:, J:, S: drives etc.)	Seizure/Exhibits/Search warrant/Account takeover within WA-JCTT S Drive
<input type="checkbox"/> Official AFP files		<input type="checkbox"/> Lockable safes	
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Kind regards

FEDERAL AGENT s 22

WESTERN AUSTRALIA JOINT COUNTER TERRORISM TEAM
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Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

Thank you for answering the call. As discussed, would really appreciate a response this morning if possible. I need to have the final Command response cleared by a C CTHQ before I can send it back to FOI.

Regards,
s 22

s 22
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COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:07 AM

To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>

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Morning s 22

Nil from the CT Capability

With thanks
s 22

SUPERINTENDENT (A) s 22
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Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 8:43:01 AM
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To: [Read, Nick](#); s 47E(d)
Subject: RE: For CMD Clearance. FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Due: TODAY [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 21 August 2024 3:35:43 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

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Hi s 22
Cleared.

Best Regards,
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DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT BILL FREEMAN

Writing to you from Turrbal and Yuggera Country

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CCTS and a/CCTN

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AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

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From: s 22
To: [FOI](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 12:23:28 PM

I am out of the office, returning 20 August 2024. For urgent issues please contact the Electronic Data Collection Team on s 22 .

Thanks and regards

s 22

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From: [FOI](#)
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: CTSC Response - FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Wednesday, 21 August 2024 4:14:11 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Excellent – thank you s 22

I appreciate your assistance with this request.

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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au **On Behalf Of** s 47E(d)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 12:37 PM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon team

CT have consulted the relevant areas and have confirmed we have nil holdings relating to the below request. This has been Commander cleared.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

s 22
TEAM LEADER DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 3:12 PM

To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au; s 47E(d)
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To: s 47E(d)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 2:07:51 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22

Thank you for getting back to me, I assumed that would be the case for this request also but still have to make the enquiries, so we have a paper trail and evidence for our decision. Thanks for the feedback.

Should I need anything more I will let you know. Appreciate the ongoing assistance, with these requests.

Kind regards,

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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au> On Behalf Of s 47E(d)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:55 AM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

As far as I could ascertain when I consulted on LEX 2871 (attached), there is no such holistic list or record of internet domains 'seized' or 'taken-down'. Some considerations you may wish to make:

- The request notes the following: *"For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action."*
 - The "seizure and taking-down" of internet domains both have different meanings to *"rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action"*. For example, a

proportion of domains that are rendered inaccessible are in fact simply 'blocked' from being able to be accessed by measures that can be employed by a range of authorities and via various mechanisms. I don't think that is something we need to explain to the FOI applicant, but in short; as domains can be made inaccessible by a range of actions and by different areas of the AFP, there is no such consolidated list and to create such a list would be an incredibly difficult task requiring input from all AFP Commands.

- Child abuse material hosted or accessed on internet domains is a matter for the ACCCE.

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CYBERCRIME COORDINATION
CYBER COMMAND

Tel: s 22

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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 12 August 2024 3:47 PM

To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024
[SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]

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Document search

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To: s 47E(d)
Cc: s 47E(d); s 22
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 12:23:28 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
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Good afternoon s 22

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Thank you for your assistance with this, nothing further is required.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 1:15 PM
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OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

To the best of my knowledge, CAA does not have access to any information to be able to respond to this request. Other possible sources could be Interpol Canberra and DSC.

Regards

s 22

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TL INSPECTIONS AND REPORTING TEAM
INTELLIGENCE & COVERT SERVICES
Tel: s 22

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:41 AM
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Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning FOI team,

There are nil records from ACCCE relating to this request.

Kind regards,

s 22
STRATEGY AND POLICY COORDINATION
CRIME COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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Happy to discuss this further, thank you for your assistance with this request.

Kind regards,

s 22

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AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

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From: [FOI](#)
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 11:18:40 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

No problem, thank you. I appreciate the update.

Kind regards,

s 22
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From: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:14 AM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Follow up: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

Have had response of 'nil findings' from **all but one of our** teams. I am chasing them and will get back to you ASAP. Hopefully by COB today of I can get the response and Commander clearance.

Really sorry for the delay but it has been a particularly busy operational week for the JCTTs.

Regards,

s 22
DOMESTIC CT STRATEGY & COORDINATION
COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMAND
Tel: s 22

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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 8:55 AM

To: [REDACTED] s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: Follow up: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response requested by Monday, 19 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]

OFFICIAL

Good morning

Just following up regarding the below request.

I note that [REDACTED] s 22 provided a reply to me on 22 July 2024 in response to a previous FOI request of a similar nature, I envisage the same response will apply to this request.

If you can please advise it would be appreciated, any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s 22

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Tel: [REDACTED] s 22



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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:12 PM

To: [REDACTED] s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

[REDACTED] s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>; [REDACTED] s 47E(d)

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[REDACTED] s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents (list of seized internet domains) - Response

OFFICIAL

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No documents in scope

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Information about searches

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Kind regards,

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From: [FOI](#)
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: RE: IC response - LEX 2983 - Request for documents [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 2:21:43 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22

Thank you for getting back to me and confirming that, I appreciate the response.

Nothing further is required, thank you.

Kind regards,

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From: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 2:04 PM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: IC response - LEX 2983 - Request for documents

Good afternoon s 22

In response to your email, International Command hold no documents relevant to the scope of this request.

From and INTERPOL/International Operations Centre perspective, they do not seize nor request the seizure of any website domains.

As for AFP 'Assistance', INTERPOL Canberra (and Europol) only facilitate requests for information between Australian and Foreign Law enforcement agencies. Any request relating to the seizure of such electronic entities would be passed on to the relevant Law enforcement Agency for the seizure to take place. For the AFP, INTERPOL would refer these requests to AFP Cybercrime for assessment and action.

Please do not hesitate to contact Partnerships if we can further assist.

Kind regards

s 22

s 22

(SHE/HER)

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AMERICAS, ASIA, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST & EUROPE COMMAND

PACIFIC ASIA COMMAND

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To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au; s 47E(d)

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No documents in scope

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Kind regards,

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From: [FOI](#)
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185150]
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 2:07:51 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22

Thank you for getting back to me, I assumed that would be the case for this request also but still have to make the enquiries, so we have a paper trail and evidence for our decision. Thanks for the feedback.

Should I need anything more I will let you know. Appreciate the ongoing assistance, with these requests.

Kind regards,

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From: s 22 afp.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** s 47E(d)
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:55 AM
To: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024 [AFP-L.FID185150] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

As far as I could ascertain when I consulted on LEX 2871 (attached), there is no such holistic list or record of internet domains 'seized' or 'taken-down'. Some considerations you may wish to make:

- The request notes the following: *"For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action."*
 - The "seizure and taking-down" of internet domains both have different meanings to *"rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action"*. For example, a

proportion of domains that are rendered inaccessible are in fact simply 'blocked' from being able to be accessed by measures that can be employed by a range of authorities and via various mechanisms. I don't think that is something we need to explain to the FOI applicant, but in short; as domains can be made inaccessible by a range of actions and by different areas of the AFP, there is no such consolidated list and to create such a list would be an incredibly difficult task requiring input from all AFP Commands.

- Child abuse material hosted or accessed on internet domains is a matter for the ACCCE.

s 22

CYBERCRIME COORDINATION
CYBER COMMAND

Tel: s 22

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From: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 12 August 2024 3:47 PM

To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>

Cc: FOI <FOI@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FOI LEX 2983 - Request for Documents - Response requested by Friday, 16 August 2024
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Kind regards,

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From: s 22
To: s 22
Bcc: "CR Right to Know 2983 QA"
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request LEX 2983, Decision due 29 August 2024, Nil docs [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185139]
Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2024 3:43:38 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image001.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

This one has been signed.

Kind regards

s 22

s 22
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION TEAM LEADER | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
AFP LEGAL | CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO
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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 3:26 PM
To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Subject: QA: Freedom of Information Request LEX 2983, Decision due 29 August 2024, Nil docs [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185139]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

Just following up on this one below, just wondering if it may have slipped through the cracks?

Thank you,

s 22
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From: s 22

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 4:26 PM

To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>

Subject: QA: Freedom of Information Request LEX 2983, Decision due 29 August 2024, Nil docs [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185139]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

Please see the below links to the reasons for decision and draft decision (nil docs) for QA and signing.

RFD:

s 47E(d)

Draft Decision:

s 47E(d)

Thank you,

s 47E(d)

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From: s 47E(d)
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: s 47E(d)
Subject: RE: ACTION - FOI request for documents - LEX 2983 - DUE: 12pm Monday, 19 August 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 19 August 2024 12:56:24 PM
Attachments: image003.jpg
image004.jpg
image005.png
image006.gif

Afternoon Partnerships Team,

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For your awareness, although you can search for an electronic entity (domain name/website) on PROMIS, it appears that you cannot enter a specific date range so I assume that the area responsible for the collection of AFP's information may need to go to AFP PROMIS team for assistance and advise on what is involved in collecting this data from PROMIS over a 4.5 year period and what each individual job related to. I can only imagine this would be a significant body of work.

Please advise if you need any further clarification.

Kind regards,



s 22

A T/L INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTRE (INTERPOL/EUROPOL)
AUSTRALIAN INTERPOL/EUROPOL NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL COMMAND
Tel s 22
www.afp.gov.au

From: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:52 AM
To: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 47E(d) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: ACTION - FOI request for documents - LEX 2983 - DUE: 12pm Monday, 19 August 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Good morning INTERPOL and OET

The AFP has received a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (Act) seeking access to the following documents:

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For example, this request includes domains such as:

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Document search

We ask that you undertake necessary searches to locate all documents that fall within the scope of the request for access. The term **document** includes, but is not limited to: material held in PROMIS or computer drives, emails, diary notes, Teams messages, body cam and audio.

Requests for information

Where the request requires the AFP to **create a document** (when there is no current document that exists within the scope of the request, and the information is stored in a system etc) if the AFP cannot easily and quickly do so by extracting the information with the use of a computer or other equipment, the AFP can refuse the request. Accordingly, if a document cannot easily and quickly be created for the purpose of the request, please advise the FOI Team.

If the AFP hold documents relevant to the request, please provide a clean version outlining any sensitivities about the disclosure of the information, for instance, whether the documents are subject to an ongoing investigation or prosecution. **Note: the FOI Team will seek clearance at the relevant level before releasing any document to the applicant**

No documents in scope

If there are no documents within the scope of the request for access, please provide a 'nil' response.

Information about searches

Whether providing documents or a nil response, please indicate which of the following document repositories were searched, and what searches were conducted, e.g. search terms used, locations searched, etc:

<input type="checkbox"/> PROMIS		<input type="checkbox"/> Field Notebook(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> AFP Email System (Outlook)		<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic directories (H, J, S: drives etc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Official AFP files		<input type="checkbox"/> Lockable safes	
		USB/data storage	

<input type="checkbox"/> Official Diary/Diaries		<input type="checkbox"/> devices	
<input type="checkbox"/> AFPSEC/AFPTSN		<input type="checkbox"/> CMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> CCTV footage		<input type="checkbox"/> Call recordings made to ACT Police Communications	
<input type="checkbox"/> IMS		<input type="checkbox"/> PDMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence.com/AXON		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	

Time recording

Please also advise the number of hours of time undertaken to conduct searches and retrieve documents.

Due to statutory timeframes in the Act that the AFP **must** comply with, please provide a response **on or before 12pm, Monday 19 August 2024**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Partnerships if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

s 22 (SHE/HER)
 PARTNERSHIPS AND MONITORING
 AMERICAS, ASIA, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST & EUROPE COMMAND
 PACIFIC ASIA COMMAND
 Tel: s 22

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Applicant	CR - Right to Know	LEX No	2983
Legal Representative		Request Date	30 July 2024
Significant matter		Date Received	30 July 2024
FOI Officer		First Due Date	29 August 2024
Extension of time sought			
New Due Dates	→	→	→
Scope	<p><i>Request:</i></p> <p><i>A list of all internet domains seized or taken down by the AFP, or by another law enforcement agency in a joint international law enforcement operation involving the AFP, from 1 January 2020 to 30 July 2024.</i></p> <p><i>For example, this request includes domains such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "warzone.ws" and "breachforums.is" (seized by the FBI in joint operations with the AFP) • The domain associated with LabHost, taken down in Operation Nebulae (referenced in the AFP media release: https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing) • Any other domains where a "takedown notice" or similar message was displayed by the AFP or partner agencies following the seizure or disruption, similar to the actions taken against child abuse websites mentioned in this AFP media release: https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who (Quote: "Visitors to these sites will now see a 'takedown notice' issued by the AFP and cannot access previously-hosted child exploitation material.") <p><i>This request excludes domains that have been silently taken over (taken over without informing users of the site), as disclosing such information would likely interfere with ongoing AFP operations.</i></p> <p><i>For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action.</i></p>		
Revised Scope			

Category	Action	Yes	No	Remarks
RECEIPT OF APPLICATION	Sufficient information provided <input type="checkbox"/> Photo ID <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Authority to Act <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	LEX entered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 August 2024
	Acknowledgement to applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID / Authority to Act requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Applicant has expressly consented to exclude AFP member names	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

Category	Action	Yes	No	Remarks
	Media/LELO notification on significant matters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
INITIAL PROMIS ASSESSMENT	INITIAL PROMIS CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROMIS #: Person Entities: Number of Cases: Log Entries: Witnesses/Consults:
LINE AREA AND PROMIS SERCHES	LINE AREA CHASERS SENT REFER TO SCHEDULE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date sent: Response due by:
TRANSFER	Full/Part transfer letter request to: - -			Date:
	Response received: <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Date of transfer			Date:
	Applicant notified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
INTENTION TO REFUSE	Intention to Refuse sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due date:
	Consultation undertaken with applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Revised scope received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	NIL response received by applicant within 14 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Refusal letter sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
s15AA EXTENSION	Letter to Applicant seeking extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Response received from Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Letter to IC advising of extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
s15AB EXTENSION	Application to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Letter to applicant advising of extension to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Response received from OAIC <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Number of days:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

s15AC EXTENSION	Application to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Letter to applicant advising of extension to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Response received from OAIC <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Number of days:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CHARGES (REFER TO SCHEDULE)	Charges letter sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due:
	Request for waiver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Charges waived by decision maker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Deposit received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Amount:
	Full payment/balance received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Amount:
	Request for IR of waived charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Applicant notified of decision <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Not granted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	No response received with 30 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CONSULTATION	Consult delay sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Consultation letter/s sent to: <input type="checkbox"/> State authorities (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Third parties (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign agency (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Cth authorities (no time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due: REFER TO SCHEDULE
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

ROUTINE FINALISATION	Mark up and decision of reason to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

	Returned to case officer for redacting/finalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Clearance/consultation with case officer or line areas: - -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Decision letter prepared and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	File cover ordered File number recorded in LEX	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

<u>SIGNIFICANT</u> FINALISATION	Mark up and decision of reason to: <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 2 <input type="checkbox"/> CFOI	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Date: Date:
	Returned to case officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Line area clearance sent to: - -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due:
	Decision letter, disclosure log documents prepared and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Notification to Media/LELO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Expected release date:
	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Disclosure log publication request to HubAdmin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	File cover ordered File number recorded in LEX	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

INTERNAL REVIEW	IR application received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Acknowledgement to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Internal Reviewer engaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name: Date:
	File sent to internal reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Response received from reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

OAIC Notification/ Complaint/ Review	IC Notification received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	IC Preliminary enquiries received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Response sent to IC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	IC Notice of Review received:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	• LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	• Section 54P Notice to third parties sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	• Copy of Section 54P notice provided to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
• Response sent to IC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Confidential / Open Response	
IC Decision received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upheld / Alternate Date:	
55G Decision –				
• Actioned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	
• Appealed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	
LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

AAT Review	Application for review received - Separate folder created in H Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Forwarded to Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Hearing Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Other Details:			
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Reasons for Decision
LEX: 2983
Applicant: CR (Right to Know)

Application:

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Due Date:

A decision is due by **29 August 2024**

Documents/Line Area Comments:

The documents were sought from the following line areas:

Cybercrime Coordination
International Command
CTSC
ACCCE
CAA teams

All responded that there are **nil documents** responsive to this request.

Summary of Consultations:

N/A

Specific Exemptions/Sensitivities:

N/A

Clearance:

N/A

Comments by STM/TL/CFOI:

Prepared by: s 22
First Quality Assurance:
Signed:

Second Quality Assurance:
Signed:

Date of QA:	Date of QA:
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PROMIS SEARCHES

SEARCH TYPE:	SEARCH TEXT:	DATE:	RESULTS:	COMMENTS:
PROMIS PERSON – NAME Search Options: Exact match. Use Soundex Wildcard: (where the % sign is a 'wild card' that replaces all characters of the alphabet and allows for greater searching of the database).				
PROMIS PERSON – DOB				
CRM				
TEXT Search options: Exact Phrase Soundex Specific Timeframe For Advanced searching consider: AND, OR, NEAR				
MANAGE RECORDS				
OTHER – (External searches: Austlii, Google, AFP website)				
VEHICLE				
LOCATION				
ORGANISATION				
CMS/CASE NUMBER				

SEARCHES BY MEMBER/LINE AREA (CHASER)

MEMBER/LINE AREA:	DATE SENT:	REPLY DATE:	RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:
Cyber Command	12.8.2024	13.8.2024	<p>nil documents exist in discrete form:</p> <p>As far as I could ascertain when I consulted on LEX 2871, there is no such holistic list or record of internet domains 'seized' or 'taken-down'.</p>
CAA Teams (CAA inspections and CAA Statutory procedures)	13.8.2024	16.8.2024	<p>To the best of my knowledge, CAA does not have access to any information to be able to respond to this request. Other possible sources could be Interpol Canberra and DSC.</p>
ACCCE	13.8.2024	19.8.2024	<p>There are nil records from ACCCE relating to this request.</p>
CT-Strategy Coordination	13.8.2024	21.8.2024	<p>CT have consulted the relevant areas and have confirmed we have nil holdings relating to the below request. This has been Commander cleared</p>
International Command (INTERPOL)	13.8.2024	19.8.2024	<p>International Command hold no documents relevant to the scope of this request.</p> <p>From and INTERPOL/International Operations Centre perspective, they do not seize nor request the seizure of any website domains.</p> <p>As for AFP 'Assistance', INTERPOL Canberra (and Europol) only facilitate requests for information between Australian and Foreign Law enforcement agencies. Any request relating to the seizure of such electronic entities would be passed on to the relevant Law enforcement Agency for the seizure to take place. For the AFP, INTERPOL would refer these requests to AFP Cybercrime for assessment and action.</p>

From: [FOI](#)
To: ["foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au"](mailto:foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au)
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: Notice of Decision - FOI Request - LEX 2983 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID185147]
Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2024 4:27:12 PM
Attachments: [LEX 2983 - Decision.pdf](#)
[image001.gif](#)

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Dear CR

Please find attached the decision in relation to your request for access to documents held by the Australian Federal Police under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth), LEX 2983.

Kind regards,

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FOI OFFICER
AFP LEGAL – CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

Australian Federal Police



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Our Ref: LEX 2983

27 August 2024

CR (Right to know)

Email: foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au

Dear CR

Freedom of Information request

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The Commissioner of the AFP, being the principal officer of the Agency, has authorised me to make decisions on behalf of the agency in respect of the Act.

SEARCHES

Searches for documents were undertaken by the AFP Crime Command, Cyber Command, Intelligence & Covert Services, Counter Terrorism & Special Investigations Command and International Command relevant to the scope of your request which included, a search of all records held by those line areas within the AFP.

As a result, no documents relating to your request have been located in the possession of the Australian Federal Police. By way of further explanation, the Act provides for access to documents in an agency's possession at the time the request is received. There is no requirement for an agency to create a document for the purpose of responding to an FOI request.

I consider all places where documents might be held were searched and the search terms were comprehensive enough to locate any relevant documents.

I understand no documents relating to your request have been located in the possession of the AFP.

Accordingly, I am satisfied all reasonable searches have been conducted and the AFP does not have any documents to produce in response to your request.

Section 24A states:

"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*
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REVIEW AND COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with a Freedom of Information decision made by the AFP, you can apply either for internal review of the decision, or for a review by the Information Commissioner (IC). You do not have to apply for internal review before seeking review by the IC.

For complaints about the AFP's actions in processing your request, you do not need to seek review by either the AFP or the IC in making your complaint.

Internal review by the AFP

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for internal review of this decision. No particular form is required to make an application for internal review, however, an application needs to be made in writing within 30 days of this decision. It would assist the independent AFP decision-maker responsible for reviewing the file if you set out in the application, the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

Section 54B of the FOI Act provides that the internal review submission must be made within 30 days. Applications may be sent by email (foi@afp.gov.au) or addressed to:

Freedom of Information
Australian Federal Police
GPO Box 401
Canberra ACT 2601

Review by the Information Commissioner

Alternatively, section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply directly to the IC for review of this decision. In making your application you will need to provide an address for notices to be sent (this can be an email address) and a copy of the AFP decision.

Section 54S of the FOI Act provides the timeframes for an IC review submission. For an *access refusal decision* covered by section 54L(2), the application must be made within 60 days. For an *access grant decision* covered by section 54M(2), the application must be made within 30 days.

Applications for IC review may be lodged by email (foidr@oaic.gov.au), using the OAIC's online application form (available at www.oaic.gov.au) or addressed to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
Sydney NSW 2001

The IC encourages parties to an IC review to resolve their dispute informally, and to consider possible compromises or alternative solutions to the dispute in this matter. The AFP would be pleased to assist you in this regard.

Complaint

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your FOI request, please let us know what we could have done better. We may be able to rectify the problem. If you are not satisfied with our response, you can make a complaint to the IC. A complaint may be lodged using the same methods identified above. It would assist if you set out the action you consider should be investigation and your reasons or grounds.

More information about IC reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC's website at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/>.

Yours sincerely



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FOI Team Leader - Corporate
Freedom of Information
Chief Counsel Portfolio

Our Ref: LEX 2983

23 August 2024

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SEARCHES

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 - (ii) does not exist."*

REVIEW AND COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with a Freedom of Information decision made by the AFP, you can apply either for internal review of the decision, or for a review by the Information Commissioner (IC). You do not have to apply for internal review before seeking review by the IC.

For complaints about the AFP's actions in processing your request, you do not need to seek review by either the AFP or the IC in making your complaint.

Internal review by the AFP

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for internal review of this decision. No particular form is required to make an application for internal review, however, an application needs to be made in writing within 30 days of this decision. It would assist the independent AFP decision-maker responsible for reviewing the file if you set out in the application, the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

Section 54B of the FOI Act provides that the internal review submission must be made within 30 days. Applications may be sent by email (foi@afp.gov.au) or addressed to:

Freedom of Information

Australian Federal Police
GPO Box 401
Canberra ACT 2601

Review by the Information Commissioner

Alternatively, section 54L of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply directly to the IC for review of this decision. In making your application you will need to provide an address for notices to be sent (this can be an email address) and a copy of the AFP decision.

Section 54S of the FOI Act provides the timeframes for an IC review submission. For an *access refusal decision* covered by section 54L(2), the application must be made within 60 days. For an *access grant decision* covered by section 54M(2), the application must be made within 30 days.

Applications for IC review may be lodged by email (foidr@oaic.gov.au), using the OAIC's online application form (available at www.oaic.gov.au) or addressed to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
Sydney NSW 2001

The IC encourages parties to an IC review to resolve their dispute informally, and to consider possible compromises or alternative solutions to the dispute in this matter. The AFP would be pleased to assist you in this regard.

Complaint

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your FOI request, please let us know what we could have done better. We may be able to rectify the problem. If you are not satisfied with our response, you can make a complaint to the IC. A complaint may be lodged using the same methods identified above. It would assist if you set out the action you consider should be investigation and your reasons or grounds.

More information about IC reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC's website at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/>.

Yours sincerely

s 22

FOI Team Leader - Corporate
Freedom of Information
Chief Counsel Portfolio

From: CR
To: FOI
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Websites seized by the AFP from 2020 to 2024
Date: Tuesday, 3 September 2024 12:21:58 PM

Dear FOI Officer,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of the AFP's handling of my FOI request 'Websites seized by the AFP from 2020 to 2024' (LEX 2983).

I find it hard to believe that the Australian Federal Police does not know which sites they have seized. Your own media release states that the AFP has "blocked 10 child abuse websites". If your agency doesn't know which sites they have blocked, how can you quote that you have blocked 10 of them?

I remind you of your obligations under section 17 to produce a written document of information that is stored electronically and not in a discrete written form. I would imagine the website addresses would be in some sort of database or case files, which can be compiled into a list using Microsoft Word, or, if that is too difficult for your agency, even Windows Notepad.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/websites_seized_by_the_afp_from

Yours faithfully,

CR

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au

This request has been made by an individual using Right to Know. This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. More information on how Right to Know works can be found at:

<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers>

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an FOI officer, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's FOI page.

From: [FOI](#)
To: foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au
Cc: [FOI](#)
Subject: Acknowledgement of request for Internal Review - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.FID189513]
Date: Monday, 23 September 2024 10:14:54 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

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Dear CR

I acknowledge receipt of your request for internal review under section 52 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. An impartial decision-maker has been appointed to review the decision dated 27 August 2024 – LEX 2983.

The AFP received your request for internal review on 3 September 2024 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision by 3 October 2024.

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Should you require any further assistance please let us know.

Kind regards,

s 22

FOI OFFICER

AFP LEGAL – CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

Australian Federal Police



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From: FOI
Subject: Acknowledgement - Freedom of Information Request - LEX 3103

Dear Sir

YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request dated 3 September 2024, seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (the Act) as follows:

I am writing to request an internal review of the AFP's handling of my FOI request 'Websites seized by the AFP from 2020 to 2024' (LEX 2983).

Timeframe

Your request was received by the AFP on 3 September 2024, and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from that date. The due date for your request is 3 October 2024

Information irrelevant to the scope of your request

The AFP, in its management of FOI requests, excludes the following information on the basis that is irrelevant to the scope of a request:

- duplicate documents, including duplicate emails (the AFP will only provide emails where they form a final email chain and the authors/recipients are contained within the final email); and
- information that is publicly available, for example, newspaper articles, online publications including information available on the AFP Information Publication Scheme and the AFP disclosure log.

Please advise this office whether you also consent to exclude the following information:

- Names of AFP members, other than the Senior Executive; and
- Direct telephone numbers, middle names of AFP members, signatures and mobile telephone numbers of AFP members.

Disclosure of your identity

The AFP may be required to consult with third parties in accordance with sections 26A, 27 and 27A of the Act. Please advise us if you consent to the AFP identifying you as the FOI applicant for the purposes of the consultation. If we do not receive your consent, we will not disclose your identity to third parties.

Information Publication Scheme

Please be advised that effective 1 May 2011 and in accordance with section 8(2) of the Act, an agency is required to publish information on the AFP website following the notification of a decision in respect of a freedom of information request. Details of the decision will be published in a Disclosure Log which can be found at <https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/information-publication-scheme/routinely-requested-information-and-disclosure-log>.

The requirement to publish information released under FOI reinforces the objectives of the FOI Act to promote a pro-disclosure culture across government, and to increase recognition that information held by government is a national resource. Exceptions to the requirement to publish information would apply to personal information and information concerning the business affairs of a person if it was considered 'unreasonable' to do so.

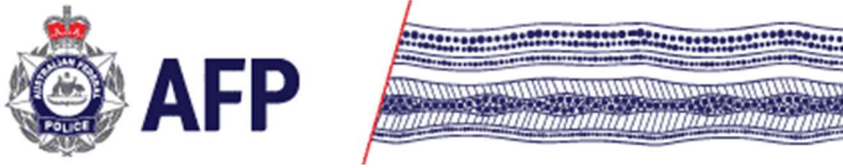
If however, after noting the above, you wish to raise any concerns about the publication of information concerning your request prior to the notification of a decision, please advise the AFP in writing before 3 October 2024

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our team at foi@afp.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

s 22

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SUPPORT OFFICER | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
AFP LEGAL – CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO



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From: s 22
To: s 22
Bcc: "CR Right to Know INTERNAL REVIEW 3103 Correspondence"
Subject: RE: 3 OCT || Internal Review: CR - (Right to Know) - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.16.3103]
Date: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 3:06:42 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image001.gif](#)

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Thanks s 22 – sent and all finalised in LEX

s 22
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO
Tel: s 22



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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 2:57 PM
To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 3 OCT || Internal Review: CR (Right to Know) - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.16.3103]

Hi s 22

Here is another final decision.

Please can you send and up-date LEX.

Regards

s 22
Writing to you from Ngunnawal Country
A/ DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
CHIEF COUNSEL
Tel: s 22

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From: s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 23 September 2024 9:31 AM
To: s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>; s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 3 OCT || Internal Review: CR - (Right to Know) - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL] [AFP-L.16.3103]

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Hi s 22

Thanks, as requested:

Link to H Drive: s 47E(d)

I have saved the PDF as a word doc in the decision folder.

I have noted these dot points for future reference and will add to the FOI OneNote for the team.

Kind regards,

s 22
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO
Tel: s 22



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From: s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:47 PM
To: s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>; s 22 <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Subject: DUE: 3 OCT || Internal Review: CR - (Right to Know) - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

Can you please:

- Send me the file path to this matter from the H Drive – I couldn't see a link on LEX and tried searching for the matter but it kept crashing.
- Save a word version of the attached letter – I will complete with the new information.

For future requests, please could you:

- Forward the link to the drive. I've spent the better part of 15 minutes trying to figure out at where this file is located.
- Put the due date in the subject line. I am worried about missing deadlines and my emails are getting out of control.
- Save any relevant or new documents which you think will assist – this will definitely speed things up on my end.

s 22 – could you please pass the message along re: bottom to dot points.

s 22

Writing to you from Ngunnawal Country

A/ DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL | COMMERCIAL, GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION
CHIEF COUNSEL

Tel: s 22

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From: s 22 @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 4:46 PM

To: s 22 @afp.gov.au>

Cc: s 22 afp.gov.au>

Subject: Internal Review - LEX 3103 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Afternoon s 22

Hope the kiddies are okay.

I just wanted to let you know regarding the Internal Review LEX 3103 that has been assigned to you, that s 22 conducted an IR for a very similar previous request of mine. Therefore, I thought you might find the attached IR decision helpful for this one.

Any questions regarding the FOI decision I'll be happy to help.

Kind regards,

s 22

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AFP LEGAL - CORPORATE | CHIEF COUNSEL PORTFOLIO

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From: [LEX alerts \(AFP\)](#)
To: [FOI](#)
Subject: An existing request has been assigned to you (3 September 2024)
Date: Tuesday, 3 September 2024 2:48:34 PM

This is an alert from LEX (AFP FOI).Please do not reply to this message. To log in, click [s 47E\(d\)](#) .

[s 22](#) has just assigned an existing request to you.

CR - (Right to Know) - INTERNAL REVIEW

LEX ID: 3103
Short title: Internal review of request - Internet domains seized or take down by AFP from 1/1/20 to 30/7/24
Decision Maker: [s 22](#)
Primary area: Cyber Command
Request type/outcome: FOI - FOI Internal review (access grant) - *No outcome yet
Notifiable: No
Request captures: Other
Transfer: N/A
ITR:
Disclosure Log:
Security classification: OFFICIAL
Status: Registered
Access level: Unrestricted
Charges notified (\$): 0
Charges collected (\$): 0
Received/valid: 3 Sep 2024
Decision ntfd/wdn/tsfrd:
Finalised:
Scope:
Notes: Lex 2983

Request:

A list of all internet domains seized or taken down by the AFP, or by another law enforcement agency in a joint international law enforcement operation involving the AFP, from 1 January 2020 to 30 July 2024.

For example, this request includes domains such as:

. "warzone.ws" and "breachforums.is" (seized by the FBI in joint operations with the AFP)

. The domain associated with LabHost, taken down in Operation Nebulae (referenced

in the AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing>)

. Any other domains where a "takedown notice" or similar message was displayed by the AFP or partner agencies following the seizure or disruption, similar to the actions taken against child abuse websites mentioned in this AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who> (Quote: "Visitors to these sites will now see a 'takedown notice' issued by the AFP and cannot access previously-hosted child exploitation material.")

This request excludes domains that have been silently taken over (taken over without informing users of the site), as disclosing such information would likely interfere with ongoing AFP operations.

For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action.

**Contact
Details:**

Email: foi+request-11797-6f55e941@righttoknow.org.au

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Applicant	CR - (Right to Know) - INTERNAL REVIEW	LEX No	3103
Legal Representative		Request Date	
Significant matter	No	Date Received	03 September 2024
FOI Officer		First Due Date	03 October 2024
Extension of time sought			
New Due Dates	→	→	→
Scope	<i>I am writing to request an internal review of the AFP's handling of my FOI request 'Websites seized by the AFP from 2020 to 2024' (LEX 2983).</i>		
Revised Scope			

Category	Action	Yes	No	Remarks
RECEIPT OF APPLICATION	Sufficient information provided <input type="checkbox"/> Photo ID <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Authority to Act <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	LEX entered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Acknowledgement to applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID / Authority to Act requested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: 03 September 2024 Draft
	Applicant has expressly consented to exclude AFP member names	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Media/LELO notification on significant matters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

INITIAL PROMIS ASSESSMENT	INITIAL PROMIS CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROMIS #: Person Entities: Number of Cases: Log Entries: Witnesses/Consults:
LINE AREA AND PROMIS SERCHES	LINE AREA CHASERS SENT REFER TO SCHEDULE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date sent: Response due by:

TRANSFER	Full/Part transfer letter request to: - -			Date:
	Response received: <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Date of transfer			Date:
	Applicant notified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

INTENTION TO REFUSE	Intention to Refuse sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due date:
	Consultation undertaken with applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Revised scope received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	NIL response received by applicant within 14 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Refusal letter sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

s15AA EXTENSION	Letter to Applicant seeking extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Response received from Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Letter to IC advising of extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

s15AB EXTENSION	Application to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Letter to applicant advising of extension to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Response received from OAIC <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Number of days:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

s15AC EXTENSION	Application to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Proposed decision date:
	Letter to applicant advising of extension to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Response received from OAIC <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Number of days:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CHARGES (REFER TO SCHEDULE)	Charges letter sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due:
	Request for waiver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Charges waived by decision maker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

	Deposit received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Amount:
	Full payment/balance received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Amount:
	Request for IR of waived charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Applicant notified of decision <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Not granted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	No response received with 30 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CONSULTATION	Consult delay sent to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Consultation letter/s sent to: <input type="checkbox"/> State authorities (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Third parties (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign agency (30 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Cth authorities (no time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due: REFER TO SCHEDULE
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

ROUTINE FINALISATION	Mark up and decision of reason to: <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 2	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Date:
	Returned to case officer for redacting/finalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Clearance/consultation with case officer or line areas: - -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Decision letter prepared and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	File cover ordered File number recorded in LEX	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

SIGNIFICANT FINALISATION	Mark up and decision of reason to: <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Team Leader 2 <input type="checkbox"/> CFOI	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Date: Date:
	Returned to case officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

	Line area clearance sent to: - -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Response due:
	Decision letter, disclosure log documents prepared and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Notification to Media/LELO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Expected release date:
	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Disclosure log publication request to HubAdmin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	File cover ordered File number recorded in LEX	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

INTERNAL REVIEW	IR application received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Acknowledgement to applicant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Internal Reviewer engaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name: Date:
	File sent to internal reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Response received from reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Decision to applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Registered post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:

OAIC Notification/ Complaint/ Review	IC Notification received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	IC Preliminary enquiries received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Response sent to IC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	IC Notice of Review received:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	• LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	• Section 54P Notice to third parties sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
• Copy of Section 54P notice provided to OAIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	
• Response sent to IC	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: Confidential / Open Response	
IC Decision received	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upheld / Alternate Date:	
55G Decision –				
• Actioned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	
• Appealed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	

	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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AAT Review	Application for review received - Separate folder created in H Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Forwarded to Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Hearing Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:
	Other Details:			
	LEX updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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AFP

Our Ref: LEX 3103

1 October 2024

Sean (Right to know)

By Email: foi+request-11573-f9cc3515@righttoknow.org.au

Internal review of Freedom of Information decision – my ref LEX 2983

I refer to your email of 3 September 2024, seeking internal review of the AFP's decision made on 27 August 2024 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act). I am an officer authorised to make internal review decisions under the Act.

A. BACKGROUND

- On 30 July 2024, you sought access to the following:

A list of all internet domains seized or taken down by the AFP, or by another law enforcement agency in a joint international law enforcement operation involving the AFP, from 1 January 2020 to 30 July 2024.

For example, this request includes domains such as:

- "warzone.ws" and "breachforums.is" (seized by the FBI in joint operations with the AFP)*
- The domain associated with LabHost, taken down in Operation Nebulae (referenced in the AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/global-sting-sees-australian-offenders-arrested-cybercrime-and-phishing>)*
- Any other domains where a "takedown notice" or similar message was displayed by the AFP or partner agencies following the seizure or disruption, similar to the actions taken against child abuse websites mentioned in this AFP media release: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/afp-blocks-10-child-abuse-websites-and-tracks-thousands-predators-who> (Quote: "Visitors to these sites will now see a 'takedown notice' issued by the AFP and cannot access previously-hosted child exploitation material.")*

This request excludes domains that have been silently taken over (taken over without informing users of the site), as disclosing such information would likely interfere with ongoing AFP operations.

For the purposes of this request, the terms "seized" and "taken down" are used interchangeably to encompass any instance where the AFP or a partner agency rendered a domain inaccessible as part of a law enforcement action.

B. ORIGINAL DECISION

- On 27 August 2024, an FOI officer authorised to make decisions under the Act made a decision in the

Freedom of Information

/ GPO Box 401 Canberra City ACT 2601

/ Email: foi@afp.gov.au

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following terms:

SEARCHES

Searches for documents were undertaken by the AFP Crime Command, Cyber Command, Intelligence & Covert Services, Counter Terrorism & Special Investigations Command and International Command relevant to the scope of your request which included, a search of all records held by those line areas within the AFP.

As a result, no documents relating to your request have been located in the possession of the Australian Federal Police. By way of further explanation, the Act provides for access to documents in an agency's possession at the time the request is received. There is no requirement for an agency to create a document for the purpose of responding to an FOI request.

I consider all places where documents might be held were searched and the search terms were comprehensive enough to locate any relevant documents.

I understand no documents relating to your request have been located in the possession of the AFP.

Accordingly, I am satisfied all reasonable searches have been conducted and the AFP does not have any documents to produce in response to your request.

Section 24A states:

"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."*

C. INTERNAL REVIEW

1. Your request for internal review relevantly stated:

I am writing to request an internal review of the AFP's handling of my FOI request 'Websites seized by the AFP from 2020 to 2024' (LEX 2983).

I find it hard to believe that the Australian Federal Police does not know which sites they have seized. Your own media release states that the AFP has "blocked 10 child abuse websites". If your agency doesn't know which sites they have blocked, how can you quote that you have blocked 10 of them?

I remind you of your obligations under section 17 to produce a written document of information that is stored electronically and not in a discrete written form. I would imagine the website addresses would be in some sort of database or case files, which can be compiled into a list using Microsoft Word, or, if that is too difficult for your agency, even Windows Notepad.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:
https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/websites_seized_by_the_afp_from

D. DECISION

1. The Act provides for access to existing documents in an agency's possession. Section 17 of the Act relevantly provides:

(1) (a) where it appears from the request that the desire of the applicant is for information that is not available in discrete form in written documents of the agency; and

...

(a) the agency could produce a written document containing the information in discrete form by:
(i) the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information; ...

the agency shall deal with the request as if it were a request for access to a written document so produced and containing that information and, for that purpose, this Act applies as if the agency had such a document in its possession.

(2) An agency is not required to comply with subsection (1) if compliance would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations.

2. Having regard to the nature and scope of your request, and the nature of the AFP's record holdings, it is not possible to produce a written document containing the information you seek in discrete form by the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the AFP for retrieving or collating stored information.
3. Accordingly, compliance with section 17(1) would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the AFP from its other operations.
4. Therefore, under section 17(2), I refuse access to the creation of a document as outlined in your request. Alternatively, under section 24, I also refuse access on the ground that I am satisfied that the document you request access to does not exist.

REVIEW RIGHTS

Under section 54L of the Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

Online: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review>

Post: Director of FOI Dispute Resolution
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5288
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Yours sincerely,

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