

Our Ref: LEX 3249

OAIC Reference: MR25/00087

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Dear Mr Taylor

Freedom of Information request - revised decision - section 55G of the Freedom of Information Act 1982

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a revised decision on your request for access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act), reference LEX 3249.

Attached at Annexure A to this letter is my decision and statement of reasons for that decision. A schedule of documents identified as falling in scope of your request is at Annexure B. Information regarding your review rights is at Annexure C.

I have decided to publish the documents in part in respect of your request. Publication of the documents will be made on the AFP website at <a href="https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/information-publication-scheme/routinely-requested-information-and-disclosure-log">https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/information-publication-scheme/routinely-requested-information-and-disclosure-log</a> in accordance with timeframes stipulated in section 11C of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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# STATEMENT OF REASONS RELATING TO AN FOI REQUEST BY JOSH TAYLOR (THE GUARDIAN)

I, s47E(c) Team Leader, Freedom of Information am an officer authorised under section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Act) to make decisions in relation to the Australian Federal Police (AFP). What follows is my decision and reasons for the decision in relation to your request.

#### A. BACKGROUND

1. On 24 October 2024, the AFP received your request in the following terms:

Copies of any communications held by the AFP regarding the use of apps Sessions or SimpleX since 2023 until today.

2. On 18 November 2024 you agreed to revise the scope of your request to the following:

In the time period 01/01/2023 - 23/10/2024

- 1. Email correspondence relating to the use of the Session or SimpleX apps by the general public and/or criminals.
- 2. Any written (including letters and email) correspondence relating to the engagement of the AFP with developers of the Session or SimpleX apps.
- 3. On 04 November 2024, you agreed to a 14 day extension of time pursuant to section 15AA of the Act.
- 4. On 11 December 2024, a further extension of time was granted by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) pursuant to section 15AB of the Act, to notify you of a decision by 24 December 2024.
- 5. On 25 December 2024, the statutory time period in which to provide a decision expired and your request was therefore deemed refused by the agency.
- 6. On 14 January 2025, the AFR received notification you sought review of the deemed decision by the OAIC.
- 7. On 24 April 2025, the OAIC issued a Notice of Commencement for review (MR25/00087) and requested the AFP provide a revised decision pursuant to section 55G of the Act by 16 May 2025.
- 8. My apologies for the delay in the processing of your FOI request.

#### **B. SEARCHES**

- Searches for documents were undertaken by Commands identified as relevant to the subject matter in the scope of your request including the Chief Information Officer, Chief Technology Officer and Cyber Command and included:
  - (a) a search of all records held by AFP case officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access.

### C. WAIVER OF CHARGES

1. Given the request has exceeded all statutory timeframes as outlined at section 15 of the Act, the AFP is not able to impose any fees or charges as outlined at Regulation 5(2) & (3) of the Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982.

#### D. EVIDENCE/MATERIAL ON WHICH MY FINDINGS WERE BASED

- 1. In reaching my decision, I have relied on the following:
  - a. the scope of your request (and revised scope);
  - b. the contents of the documents identified as relevant to the request;
  - f. advice from AFP officers with responsibility for matters contained in the documents;
  - a. the Act; and
  - h. the guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the Act.

#### E. DECISION

- For point 1 of your request I have interpreted the scope to be any internal AFP email correspondence regarding the use of the apps Sessions or SimpleX identified during the course of police investigations.
- 2. I have identified (eighty-four) 84 documents relevant to your request.
- 3. I have decided to:
  - a) release three (3) document to you in full;
  - b) release thirty-five (35) documents in part with deletions pursuant to sections 7(2A)(a)(vii), 7(2A)(b), 22(1)(a)(ii), 33(a)(iii), 33(b), 37(1)(a), 37(2)(b), 42(1), 47B, 47E(c), 47E(d) and 47F(1); and
  - c) refuse access to 46 documents, pursuant to sections 7(2A)(a)(vii), 33(a)(iii), 33(b), 37(1)(a), 37(2)(b), 42(1), 47B, 47E(c), 47E(d), 47F(1), 47G(1)(a), and 47G(1)(b) of the Act.
- 4. A schedule of each of document and details of my decision in relation to each document is at Annexure B.
- 5. My reasons for this decision are set out below.

### F. REASONS FOR DECISION

### Material to which section 7(2A)(a)(vii) applies:

Section 7(2A)(a)(ii) of the Act provides that:

- "(2A) An agency is exempt from the operation of this Act in relation to the following documents:
  - a. a document (an **intelligence agency document**) that has originated with, or has been received from, any of the following:

(vii) the Australian Signals Directorate."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under section 7(2A)(a)(vii) of the Act contain material which was provided by an agency which is determined to be exempt from the operations of the Act.

Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 7(2A)(a)(vii) of the Act.

### Material to which section 7(2A)(b) applies:

Section 7(2A)(b) of the Act provides that:

- "(2A) An agency is exempt from the operation of this Act in relation to the following documents:
  - (b) a document that contains a summary of, or an extract or information from, an intelligence agency document, to the extent that it contains such a summary, extract or information.

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under section 7(2A)(b) of the Act contains material which is considered to be exempt from the operation of this Act. I have determined that the information is exempt from the operations of the Act as it is information which was provided by or relates to an intelligence agency as listed in Schedule 2 of the Act.

Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 7(2A)(b) of the Act.

### Material to which section 22(1)(a)(ii) applies:

Section 22 of the Act allows the AFP to grant access to an edited copy of a document that has been modified by deletions to remove material that is either exempt or irrelevant to the request.

Parts of the documents contain email correspondence that is dated after the date your request was received by the AFP. Section [2.34] of the FOI Guidelines states that: The right of access to applies to documents that exist at the time the FOI request was made. An applicant cannot insist that their request cover documents created after the request is received. I therefore find that this correspondence falls outside the scope of your request.

Parts of the documents also contain information that does not relate to the subject matter of your request, specifically the personal movements of AFP officers and work tasks unrelated to the scope of the request.

Accordingly, I find parts of the document would be reasonably regarded as irrelevant to the request under section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the Act.

### Material to which section 33(a)(iii) applies

Section 33(a)(iii) of the Act provides that:

"A document is an exempt document if disclosure of the document under this Act:

(a) would, or could reasonably be expected to, cause damage to:

(iii) the international relations of the Commonwealth..."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act relate to information provided by an agency of a foreign government. The information was provided to the AFP by a foreign government for investigative purposes on the understanding that it would only be used for that purpose and not be disseminated further. I am satisfied that to grant access to the documents would, or could reasonably be, expected to cause damage to the international relations of the Commonwealth. This information was communicated in the expectation that it would remain confidential. Therefore to disclose this material would damage the Commonwealth's relations with a foreign country. If these documents were to be released, it would be likely to inhibit the exchange of information to the AFP in the future.

Accordingly, I find the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 33(a)(iii) of the Act.

### Material to which section 33(b) applies:

Section 33(b) of the Act provides that:

"A document is an exempt document if disclosure of the document under this Act:

(b) would divulge any information or matter communicated in confidence by or on behalf of a foreign government, an authority of a foreign government or an international organization to the Government of the Commonwealth, to an authority of the Commonwealth or to a person receiving the communication on behalf of the Commonwealth or of an authority of the Commonwealth."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information provided by a foreign government on an understanding of confidentiality, and on the condition that they are not to be released outside of the AFP. The information was provided on a confidential basis for investigative purposes only and disclosure would be a breach of that confidence. I am satisfied that to grant access to the documents would divulge information communicated in confidence to the AFP by a foreign government, and would be likely to harm the future supply of information to the AFP.

Accordingly, I find the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 33(b) of the Act.

### Material to which section 37(1)(a) applies:

Section 37(1)(a) of the Act provides that:

- "(1) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would, or could reasonably be expected to:
  - a. prejudice the conduct of an investigation of a breach, or possible breach, of the law, or a failure, or possible failure, to comply with a law relating to taxation or prejudice the enforcement or proper administration of the law in a particular instance."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information which if disclosed would or could reasonably be expected to prejudice the conduct of a current investigation and/or prejudice the AFP's ongoing investigations into particular entities of interest and criminality.

Accordingly, I find that release of the document/s or parts of the documents are exempt under section 37(1)(a) of the Act.

### Material to which section 37(2)(b) applies:

Section 37(2)(b) of the Act provides that:

- "(2) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would, or could reasonably be expected to:
  - (b) disclose lawful methods or procedures for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with matters arising out of, breaches or evasions of the law the disclosure of which would, or would be reasonably likely to, prejudice the effectiveness of those methods or procedures;"

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information that would disclose methods and procedures used by the AFP in investigating breaches of the law.

Specifically, the documents contain information about the lawful methods, procedures and resources available to the AFP in the investigation of criminal activity and particular crime-types that are not commonplace or well-known to the public. Some of the methods and procedures may be the subject

of speculation, but disclosure would confirm the methods and resources available to law enforcement officers, and the methods upon which the AFP relies in the investigation of criminal activity. In my view, official confirmation of this information would provide persons with an advantage to modify their behaviour to better avoid detection in the future.

In my view, the expectation that disclosure of the documents would result in prejudice is reasonable because the methods and procedures used by the AFP collectively would divulge information not generally known. If the information in the documents were known it could give criminals an insight which may be used to obtain an advantage through the use of unlawful behaviour to further criminal conduct.

Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 37(2)(b) of the Act.

### Material to which section 42(1) applies:

Section 42(1) of the Act provides that:

"(1) A document is an exempt document if it is of such a nature that it would be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt contain information brought into existence for the dominant purpose of obtaining or providing legal advice, and correspondence in relation to that legal advice. I am satisfied that these documents would be subject to a claim of legal professional privilege and justifiably withheld from production. The AFP has not waived privilege over these folios.

Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of documents are exempt under section 42(1) of the Act.

#### Material to which section 47B apply:

Section 47B of the Act provides that:

"A document is conditionally exempt if disclosure of the document under this Act:

- (a) would, or could reasonably be expected to, cause damage to relations between the Commonwealth and a State; or
- (b) would divulge information or matter communicated in confidence by or on behalf of the Government of a State or an authority of a State, to the Government of the Commonwealth, to an authority of the Commonwealth or to a person receiving the communication on behalf of the Commonwealth or of an authority of the Commonwealth."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act disclose information sharing processes between the AFP and a State Government agency, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to damage the AFP's relations with that State agency. In addition, the information was communicated in confidence to the AFP and to divulge this information would not only breach the confidence in which the information was communicated but damage the relationship between the AFP and the State, and would be likely to inhibit the future supply of information to the AFP.

I have considered the public interest factors both in favour and against disclosure of the information in these folios to determine whether disclosure would, on balance, be in the public interest.

In relation to the factors favouring disclosure, I consider the following are relevant:

(a) the general public interest in access to documents as expressed in sections 3 and 11B of the Act; and

(b) the public interest in people being able to scrutinise the operations of a government agency and in promoting governmental accountability and transparency.

In relation to the factors against disclosure, I consider that the following are relevant:

- (c) if such information was disclosed, it may inhibit the future supply of information from a State agency to the AFP, which would prejudice the conduct of future investigations of this kind: and
- (d) prejudice the AFP's ability to obtain confidential information; and
- (e) prejudice the AFP's ability to obtain similar information in the future.

I have considered the public interest factors both in favour and against disclosure and in my view, in relation to these documents, the factors at (c) to (e) against disclosure outweigh the factors in favour of disclosure. While I have considered the media and public interest related to the engagement of law enforcement agencies with encrypted messaging app providers regarding the topics of privacy and criminality as having some weight in favour of disclosure, I have ultimately considered the risk of damage to relations between the AFP and State agencies is very high and therefore it would be contrary to the public interest to release this information.

Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 47B of the Act.

### Material to which section 47E(c) applies:

Section 47E(c) of the Act provides that:

"A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or could reasonably be expected to, do any of the following:

(c) have a substantial adverse effect on the management or assessment of personnel by the Commonwealth, by Norfolk Island or by an agency."

The FOI Guidelines at paragraph [6.103] state the following in respect of section 47E(c):

"For this conditional exemption to apply, the document must relate to either:

- the management of personnel including broader human resources policies and activities, recruitment, promotion, compensation, discipline, harassment and work health and safety
- the assessment of personnel including the broader performance management policies and activities concerning competency, in-house training requirements, appraisals and underperformance, counselling, feedback, assessment for bonus or eligibility for progression." (footnotes omitted).

### Staff names and ID Numbers

Parts of the document have been identified as being exempt under section 47E(c). This material contains the names of AFP appointees below SES level.

The information I have identified as conditionally exempt could publicly identify staff not only as working for the AFP, but their work location and activities. The public disclosure of this information could expose those appointees to unwelcome behaviour from hostile actors. Law enforcement employees have been a target of planned and actual attacks in Australia. AFP appointees have also been the target of attempts to obtain information.

Publicly identifying a person as an AFP appointee could also compromise the ability of some to work in operational areas which require them to have no public profile.

These risks are not far-fetched, and need to be considered in the context that information released under FOI can be easily published online, and may widely available. On the basis that they present risks to the health and safety, wellbeing, morale and career development of AFP appointees, I am satisfied that release this information could have a substantial adverse effect on the management of personnel within the AFP.

I have also considered that where specific job titles relate to a particular officer role in an overseas deployment that would be likely to identify that officer, this job title is also exempt for the reasons identified above.

However, I must give access to this information unless, in the circumstances, access at this time would be contrary to the public interest.

I have considered the following factors favouring disclosure:

- (a) the general public interest in access to documents as expressed in sections 3 and 11B of the Act: and
- (b) the public interest in people being able to scrutinise the operations of a government agency and in promoting governmental accountability and transparency.

I have considered the following factor against disclosure:

- (c) prejudice to the safety, welfare and morale of AFP personnel;
- (d) release may have a substantial adverse effect on the management of personnel in future.

Ultimately, while there is a public interest in providing access to documents held by the AFP, I find that disclosure of this information would provide no useful purpose to the public and consequently, I have given greater weight to factors (c) and (d) above, and conclude that on balance, disclosure is not in the public interest. I consider the need to ensure the safety of AFP personnel, and the AFP's ability to support and manage its personnel weighs against disclosure.

Accordingly, I find those parts of the document identifying staff names are exempt under section 47E(c) of the Act.

### Material to which section 47E(d) applies:

Section 47E(d) of the Act provides that:

"A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or could reasonably be expected to, do any of the following:

(d) have a substantial adverse effect on the proper and efficient conduct of the operations of an agency;..."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information, the release of which, would have a substantial adverse effect on the conduct of AFP operations – specifically, the AFP's expected functions as a law enforcement agency.

The AFP performs statutory functions relating to services by way of the prevention and investigation of offences. The information identified as exempt under this section of the Act provides details relevant to the AFP's processes in detecting, investigating, preventing and prosecuting criminal offending. I am of the view that disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to have a substantial adverse effect on the proper and efficient performance of those functions.

The information redacted under this section of the Act relates to procedures and methodology used in police investigations, engagement with and information obtained from third parties during police investigations including evidence obtained in relation to ongoing investigations. The exempt information in the documents would disclose methods utilised by the AFP in its capacity as a law

enforcement agency when investigating complex crime types, and its disclosure could reasonably be expected to have a substantial negative impact on the willingness of people and/or organisations to provide information to the AFP. In turn, this would have a substantial adverse effect on the proper and efficient conduct of the operations of the AFP.

I also find that documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information, the release of which would have a substantial adverse effect on the conduct of AFP operations, particularly in relation to interaction between the AFP and the Australian Intelligence community. The release of this information could potentially jeopardise the integrity and the effectiveness of this process.

Information redacted under this section of the Act would also reveal internal AFP email addresses and direct telephone contact details. These contact details are not widely known and to disclose this information would impact on the AFP's day to day operations by resulting in the diversion of AFP resources to responding to unsolicited correspondence received through those points of contact.

However, I must give access to this information unless, in the circumstances, access at this time would be contrary to the public interest.

In relation to the factors favouring disclosure, I consider the following are relevanton

- (a) the general public interest in access to documents as expressed in sections 3 and 11B of the Act; and
- (b) the public interest in people being able to scrutinise the operations of a government agency and in promoting governmental accountability and transparency.

I have considered the following factors against disclosure:

- (c) the need for the agency to maintain the confidentiality with regard to the subject matter of information relating to the AFP's procedures and methodology during an investigation;
- (d) the need for the agency to maintain the confidentiality with regard to the subject matter and the circumstances in which the information was obtained;
- (e) if such information was disclosed, it may discourage public cooperation in AFP investigations;
- (f) that if information concerning internal contact details were revealed, it may have a substantial adverse effect on the conduct of AFP operations in the future;
- (g) if such information was disclosed, it would divert AFP resources from the proper conduct of their expected operations.
- (h) the need for the agency to maintain the efficiency of current procedures.

While there is a public interest in providing access to documents held by the AFP, I have considered the media and public interest related to the engagement of law enforcement agencies with encrypted messaging app providers regarding the topics of privacy and criminality as having some weight in favour of disclosure.

However, I have given greater weight to factors (c) through (h) above and conclude that on balance, disclosure is not in the public interest, given the need to ensure the continued integrity and effectiveness of current procedures and methodology used by the AFP in conducting its investigations, the continued cooperation of the public, private organisations and the Australian intelligence community during police investigations, as well as the maintenance of official communication channels with the AFP. Accordingly, I find that the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 47E(d) of the Act.

### Material to which section 47F applies:

Section 47F of the Act provides that:

"(1) A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person)."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain personal information of individuals other than you. Personal information is information or an opinion about an individual whose identity is known or easily ascertainable. I find that these documents or parts of the documents contain details including the name and contact details of third parties.

In considering whether release of this information is unreasonable, I have taken into account factors at section 47F(2), including:

- (a) the extent to which the information is well known;
- (b) whether the person to whom the information relates is known to be (or to have been) associated with the matters dealt with in the documents;
- (c) the availability of the information from publicly accessible sources;
- (d) the current relevance of the information; and
- (e) the circumstances in which the information was obtained and any expectation of confidentiality.

I find release of this personal information to be unreasonable. The information is not well known nor available from publicly available sources. The information was obtained by the AFP for the purpose, and in the context of, responding to an investigation with the expectation that the information remain confidential. Furthermore, consent by individuals has not been granted on the release of their personal information for purposes other than which it was collected.

However, I must give access to the folios unless, in the circumstances, access at this time would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

I have considered the general public interest in access to documents as expressed in sections 3 and 11B of the Act as the factor favouring disclosure.

I have considered the following factors against disclosure:

- (a) prejudice to the protection of an individual's right to privacy (including in consideration of whether their consent was provided);
- (b) the risk that if people are aware their personal information could be disclosed, that this would impede the flow of information to the police;
- (c) the need for the agency to maintain the confidentiality with regard to the subject matter and the circumstances in which the information was obtained;
- (d) if such information was disclosed, it may discourage public cooperation in AFP investigations:
- (e) the fact that the information is not on the public record or available from publicly accessible sources; and
- (f) the need for the agency to maintain the confidentiality with regard to the subject matter and the effect that disclosure of the information may have on third parties.

While there is a public interest in providing access to documents held by the AFP, I have given greater weight to the factors against disclosure above and conclude that on balance, disclosure is not in the public interest.

Accordingly, I find the documents or parts of documents are exempt under section 47F of the Act.

#### Material to which section 47G applies:

Section 47G of the Act provides that:

- "(1) A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would disclose information concerning a person in respect of his or her business or professional affairs or concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation or undertaking, in a case in which the disclosure of the information:
  - (a) would, or could reasonably be expected to, unreasonably affect that person adversely in respect of his or her lawful business or professional affairs or that organisation or undertaking in respect of its lawful business, commercial or financial affairs; or
  - (b) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to the Commonwealth or an agency for the purpose of the administration of a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory or the administration of matters administered by an agency."

The documents or parts of documents identified as exempt under this section of the Act contain information which relates to the business affairs of a private organisation. The information was obtained by the AFP directly from the private organisation during the course of an investigation. It is considered that this private organisation would be unreasonably affected by the disclosure of the information as it directly relates to their business and commercial affairs and it is also considered that the AFP would be unreasonably affected by the disclosure of the information as it would jeopardise the future supply of information and assistance from that private organisation in fulfilling the statutory functions of the AFP.

In relation to the factors favouring disclosure, I consider the following are relevant:

- (a) the general public interest in access to documents as expressed in sections 3 and 11B of the Act; and
- (b) the public interest in people being able to scrutinise the operations of a government agency and in promoting governmental accountability and transparency.

In relation to the factors against disclosure, I believe that the following are relevant:

- (c) disclosure would adversely affect the commercial value of the private organisation as it would reveal the methods in which they manage their business, commercial affairs and private clientele. These processes may be private to them and disclosure would be unreasonable;
- (d) disclosure would also adversely affect the future commercial earnings of the private organisation if information obtained confidentially was disclosed. Such disclosure could inhibit the organisation's future ability to acquire and maintain a clientele base;
- (e) disclosure would prejudice the future supply of information to the AFP for the purposes of the administration of a law and in particular for the purposes of an investigation;
- (f) disclosure of the information would compromise the relationship between the AFP and that private organisation which in turn would prejudice the AFP's ability to effectively carry out its operations as a policing agency; and
- (g) disclosure would also deter the private organisation from assisting the AFP in any future investigations as the expectation of providing that information confidentially would be compromised.

I have considered the public interest factors both in favour and against disclosure and in my view, in relation to these documents, the factors at (c) to (g) against disclosure outweigh the factors in favour of disclosure. Accordingly, I find the documents or parts of the documents are exempt under section 47G of the Act.

### SCHEDULE OF DECISION - LEX 3249

Document	Folio	Author	Description	Decision	Exemption
Number					
1.	1 - 2	Australian Federal Police (AFP)	Email Correspondence – Session App	Release in Part	SECTION 22(1)(A)(II) SECTION 47B SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D) SECTION 47F(1)
2.	3 - 7	AFP	Email Correspondence: Media Enguiry	Release in Part	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D) SECTION 47F(1)
3.	8 – 11	AFP	Email Correspondence: Media Enquiry	Release in Part	SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D) SECTION 47F(1)
4.	12 - 14	AFP	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 37(1)(A) SECTION 37(2)(B) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
5.	15	AFP	Email Correspondence: Session App	Release in Part	SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
6.	16 – 18	AFP	Email Correspondence: Encrypted messaging app Session	Release in Part	SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D) SECTION 47F(1)

7.	19	State Agency	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 47B SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47F(1)
8.	20 - 21	AFP	Email Correspondence: Encrypted App Session	Release in Part	SECTION 47B SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
9.	22 - 26	State Agency	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 47B SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D) SECTION 47F(1)
10.	27 - 29	AFP	Email Correspondence: WFH Monday	Release in Part	SECTION 22(1)(A)(II) SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
11.	30 - 33	AFP	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
12.	34 - 37	AFP	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)

13.	38 – 39	AFP	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
14.	40 - 42	AFP	Email Correspondence	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
15.	43 - 47	AFP	Email Correspondence  Email Correspondence  Email Correspondence: 24/7 Request for assistance	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
16.	48 - 53	AFP	SUME LANGEED	Release in Part	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
17.	54 – 57	AFP	Email Correspondence: 24/7 Request for assistance	Release in Part	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B) SECTION 42(1) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
18.	58 - 60	Foreign Government Agency	Email Attachment	Refuse Access	SECTION 33(A)(III) SECTION 33(B)

19.	61 - 62	AFP	Email Correspondence: Fortnightly Intelligence Insights	Release in Part	SECTION 22(1)(A)(II) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
20.	63 - 64	AFP	Email Attachment: Report	Refuse Access	SECTION 33A(III) SECTION 37(2)(B) SECTION 47E(D)
21.	65 – 81	AFP	Email Attachment: Report	Refuse Access	SECTION 33A(III) SECTION 37(2)(B) SECTION 47E(D)
22.	82 – 88	AFP	Email Correspondence: Insights	Release in Part	SECTION 22(1)(A)(II) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
23.	89 – 90	AFP	Email Attachment: Report  Email Correspondence: Insights  Email Correspondence: Session App	Release in Part	SECTION 33A(III) SECTION 37(2)(B) SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
24.	91	AFP	Email Correspondence: Session info	Release in Part	SECTION 47B SECTION 47E(C) SECTION 47E(D)
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