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I've moved the end eSafety pro forma requests out of the inbox but there's one still in there that's similar to s 47F - FSU wording, sent from a personal email, but unlike s 47F he wants documents posted to X

should I put it with the FSU ones or give it a number?

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s 22 can you please update the FSU list with the requests
received over the weekend. @

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even excluding the FSU pro forma requests, we are two requests shy of the total number of requests received in calendar year 2023



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So silly. Also, s 22 quite a few FSU/s 47F posts on X about the end-user the subject of s 47F latest request.

5/06 10:19 am

[FSU FOI requests list.xlsx \(sharepoint.com\)](#) This is the spreadsheet I've popped them into. Adding here for convenience

If we can start with the ones that have email addresses then we already have a big list 🤖 I've highlighted the ones with emails with dark orange



FSU FOI requests list.xlsx

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s 22 so just confirming I'm about to acknowledge a bunch of requests
including s 47F which is an FSU one

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Morning guys. Unfortunately, I think it's going to be a big day. Hopefully we receive the draft corro from AGS this morning so we can start the long and slow process of acknowledging the valid requests and send letter to FSU. Other things on our list:

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Am I missing anything?



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Hey s 22 can you please make sure that the FOI matters list, FSU FOI requests list and FOI calendar is up to date. Thank you!




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Hey s 22 was just thinking, we probably need to start giving the valid
FSU requests a matter number

7/06 3:41 pm


[FSU Emails for Valid Requests](#)

 **FSU Emails for Valid Requests.docx** LegalAffairsandPublicPolicy > 30 Business ...

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Thanks s 22 - also, just flagging that we might be missing one on our 'FSU FOI requests list'. s 47F came in yesterday morning.

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It's one with an e-mail.

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...rep, or if we just check the FSU subfolders at the end of each day

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How many requests do we currently have on foot that aren't FSU requests?

I just counted 27 (not incl IC reviews)

7/06 4:19 pm

i counted 31 not including the ones that use the same wording as teh FSU form

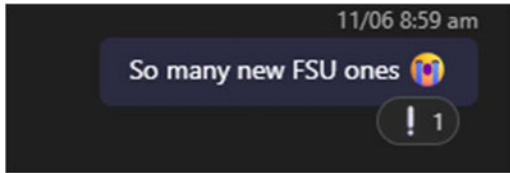
are there four with IC?

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There are three IC reviews.
I counted the ones that use the same wording as the FSU ones, because they are technically not FSU requests.
We've also made four decisions this week.

Where we have made a decision, I have shaded it in blue.



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Yep, we also need to chase them on FSU. I followed up with ACMA on Friday, but I'll send them a message again now.

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Just about to send you guys the updated wording for the FSU requests

I'm happy to send them out - but s 22 would you mind sending me a list of the people that have made the requests using their e-mail address but have then requested a response via X. Thank you!

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okkk e-mail to FSU has been sent. I'll deal with the other ones in the morning.

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Let's also make a note of the requests received after our e-mail to FSU



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Hey s 22 Hope you had a great long weekend. I'm a bit tied up with the FSU FOI requests at the moment. Will hopefully have them all acknowledged this morning. s 22


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I've also made some further updates to the FOI matters list/calendar this morning. Apart from the first round of valid FSU requests which are due next week, we seem to be well positioned until the 24th.

12/06 10:39 am

[Email to Valid FSU Requests](#)

[FSU Emails for Valid Requests.docx](#)

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I'm also really hoping that we don't have any incorrect e-mail addresses for these valid ones, because then they're invalid and we'll need to send further corro to FSU about them.



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and we've received a letter from FSU...



They're coming hard. Have also made two further FOI requests - see page 7/8 of letter.

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reading the letter from FSU, maybe an option is to just process the FOIs and release no personal information

like not even grapple with it

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yeah that was a deliberate decision, but in hindsight should've just done it given we got the same response from FSU anyway.

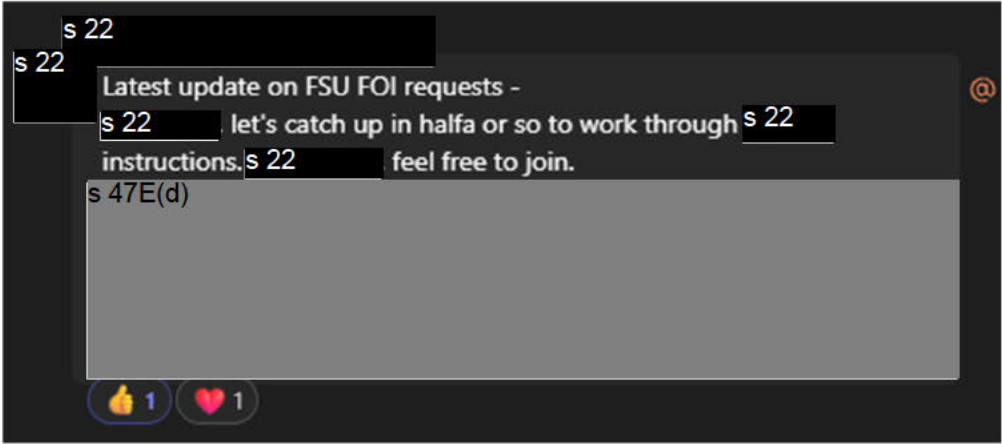
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s 22 Latest update on FSU FOI requests -


s 22 let's catch up in halfa or so to work through s 22 instructions. s 22 feel free to join.

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Hi guys. There's a meeting with AGS at 2pm re FSU FOI requests - I'll forward meeting invitation shortly. s 22 no obligation for you to join given your current workload/upcoming leave.

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The weekly FOI state of play email is in the FOI drafts folder.

s 22 I have updated the Word attachment for our non-FSU requests. I am confident that it is accurate/up to date, but grateful if you could cast your eyes over it this afternoon - [2024 06 14 FOI State of Play.docx](#)

s 22 Grateful if you could have a go at updating the statistics in the email text regarding the FSU requests. You can use last week's email as a starting point - the relevant text that needs updating is currently marked with Xs and is yellow-highlighted.

Could you please also update the FSU requests Excel spreadsheet which we attach to the email?

Very happy to assist if you get stuck.



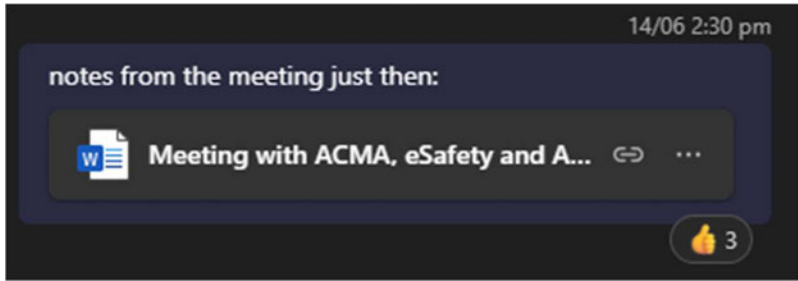
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Thanks all

14/06 1:33 pm

Done, I've also attached the FSU FOi spreadsheet

also doesn't have 24219 (FSU #3) in there but we can add this arvo



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Ohhh he's written 24219
not 24129
that's the new FSU one, which I added in

17/06 1:42 pm Edited

I've drafted a no docs letter for the FSU applicants who have no docs!
I've just changed the names so they're all the same in substance so if
there's anything that should be changed pls let me know

[2024 06 17 Decision Letter - 24157.docx](#)



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
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Hope all goes well tomorrow s 22 Will be thinking of you!

For discussion at our stand up:

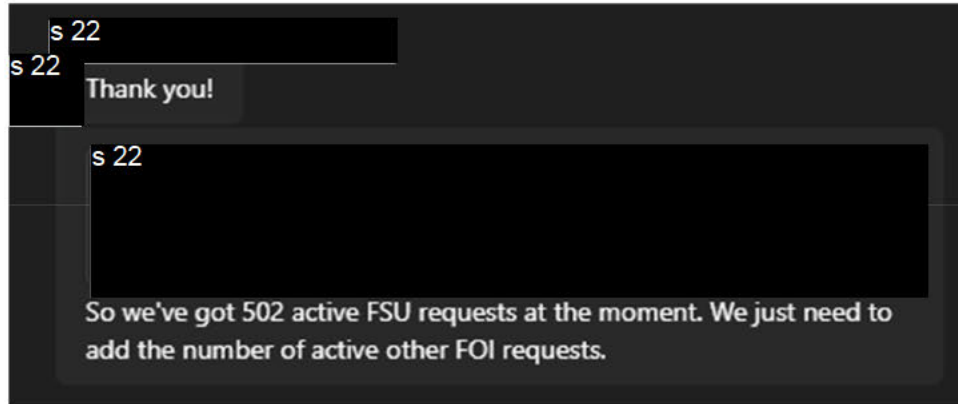
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- FSU requests (incl s 47F request now being valid)

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Do you mean to the covering e-mail? I decided against attaching it to the covering e-mail last week and instead linked the spreadsheet through the FSU entries in the SoP.



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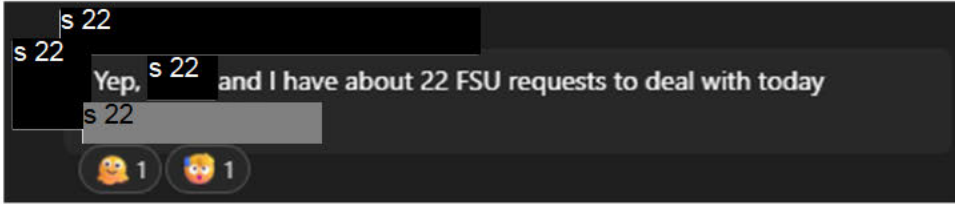
lol I'm now getting 22 - also not including the references to the FSU requests.

21/06 5:06 pm

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re FSU groups 3 and 4 are also done so that's halved the workload for
monday re sending out the correspondence to applicants

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all good friend
in terms of today's due ones, s 22
s 22 24132 is one of the FSU-adjacent ones so
I'm not sure where that's at.



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also, hilarious side note

the IR application from the FSU basically trashes the Alternative Law Journal

it is a peer-reviewed journal of more than 50 years standing and its editor-in-chief is a professor at the same university s 47F works at

25/06 2:52 pm Edited

i think we've received 659

my maths:

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125 + 511 (the number of FSU we've received) = 636

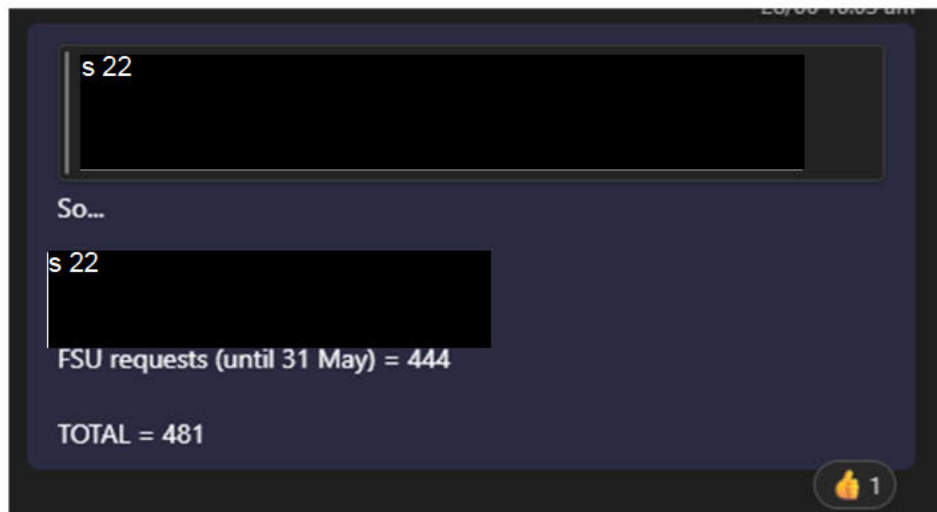
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using every braincell here 😊

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Thanks s 22 So just confirming:

s 47E(d)
1 April 2024 - 26 June 2024: 125 total requests (not including FSU)
FSU requests (up to 26 June 2024): 511 requests

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28/06 2:28 pm

Also I'm not too sure how to do the search for 24222? Sould I just make the keywords "FSU" and "identity documents"?

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I don't think that's for 24116
that's an FSU one
the ref is right - it's 24161

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yeah I reckon they'll start rolling in now (at least for the FSU ones)

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s 22 I got 531 total active requests - 512 (FSU) plus 19 other

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Any of those non-FSU ones?

3/07 3:52 pm

hello team can i please get some help with a FSU request because
s 22 is off sick?

this applicant has less than 250 docs and we were looking for an
extension of time for him. we sent him an email asking if he would be
ok with the EOT but instead he sent this:

s 47F



is it fine if i send an email back asking what he meant by this?? like as
in if he would prefer for us to confine the search to this instead?

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For total active requests, I'm getting 490 (FSU) and 18 others (currently including 24122 and 24126). Total 508.

5/07 4:29 pm

isn't there 513 total FSU requests?

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Yes - despite saying that I'd like you to get to some legal work as opposed to admin work - we need to start putting together the spreadsheet for the 400+ FSU requests.

29/05 1:57 pm

Oh also, I don't have access to the email folder with all of the FSU requests. Were you able to share that with me please? Unless they've been moved to Sharepoint?

30/05 10:46 am

Morning! I've popped all the 'names' and contacts they've provided in the FSU FOI requests, did you still want the wording of the requests in the spreadsheet? I'm just thinking because they're all the same it might not be needed

[FSU FOI Requests List.xlsx](#)



FSU FOI Requests List.xlsx

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Also, can I task you with keeping on top of the FSU requests that come into the FOI inbox and dragging them into the subfolders/updating the list. Thank you!!



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So with the FSU FOI request list

where you've got the column for 'applicant' - can you update them so it's
the name/X handle that's in the subject line of the e-mail

e.g.

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that one is s 47F

but their X handle is s 47F

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Hey s 22 can you please prepare the draft e-mail for the valid FSU FOI requests. Thanks!

I think FSU posted on X last night



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Few new FSU ones in the inbox

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One last thing

can you please update FOI matter list with latest FSU requests (from their letter)

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Morning!! Hope you had a good weekend



s 22 is offline today, so in terms of the FSU requests, I'm not going to be as available as I was hoping. Sorry!!! I received some messages from s 22 on Fri afternoon, it sounds like there are zero docs on their end (at least for the ones she had done). Hopefully IT can get us the docs from the IT searches this morning so we can start working through the ones due tomorrow.

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There's also some new requests in the inbox, FSU and other.

Can leave the others for now.

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All good. I'll hopefully get to it this week!

I'll give you a ring in 20 or so to chat FSU.



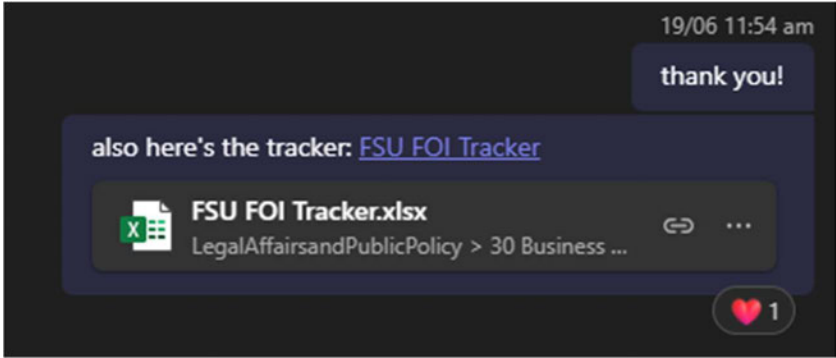
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So we just need to ensure that we're taking all reasonable steps to (a) enable the applicant to be notified that the request has been received; (b) to enable the applicant to be notified of a decision on the request.

Let's keep a record of the ones we've received an undeliverable message noting that so far we've attempted to acknowledge their requests (and on what dates), we've double checked the e-mails they've provided us (noted the requests were received via a different e-mail address, i.e. FSU's 'no reply' e-mail address). We've also now confirmed with FSU that we won't correspond with them in relation to the other 500+ requests.

We will also attempt to send other notices/documents to the e-mail addresses - and keep a note of it.





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Yeah I know what you mean. Let's chat re FSU in halfa?

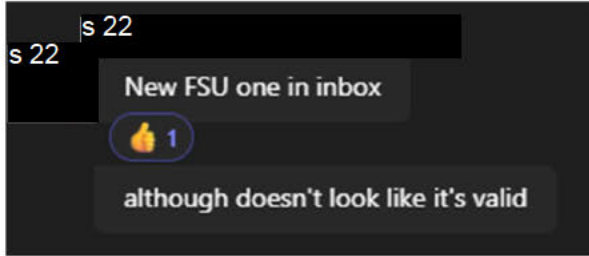
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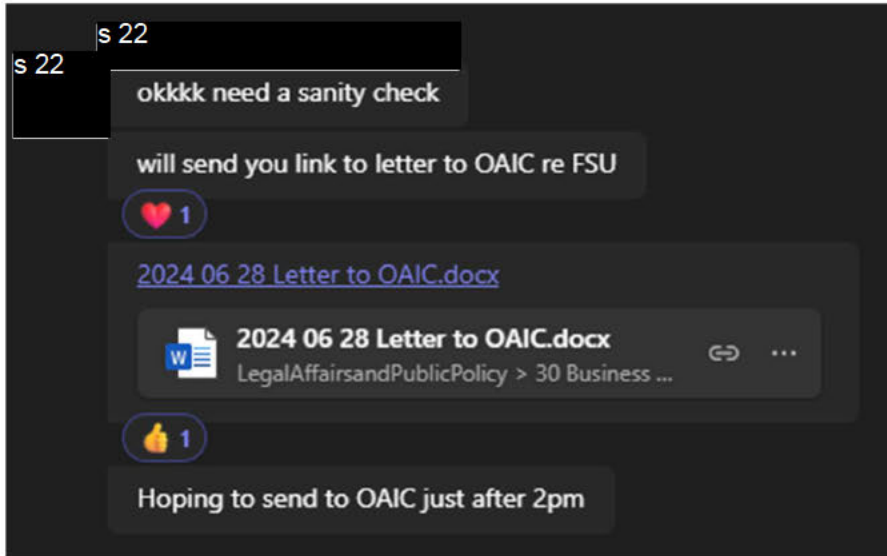
morning! only 9 today for FSU, getting started on the letters now

26/06 2:22 pm

i might try and turn cache off for a bit and take it out of that subfolder you've made. i'll put it into the general FSU subfolder but mark it as 'exports or something

hopefully that fixes it





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alrighhtt it looks like the FSU applications for extension of time are starting to come in



can start updating the spreadsheets on Monday 😊

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s 22 I can think of at least two requests we've received this week (the FSU one today and s 22
s 22 Are there any others? It currently says 0


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Nope

Maybe just easier to send to me on here?

Couple of other things - we now have 512 FSU requests, I think 509 was the number from last week

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Good afternoon all

Please see **attached** the weekly FOI State of Play as at today's date. At the time of writing, we have 530 FOI requests on foot and three external reviews by the Information Commissioner.

FSU requests

We have received 509 requests via the Free Speech Union of Australia's website. We are treating 83 of the requests as having been validly made.

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2/07 2:39 pm

For 24219 (FSU one) I have no idea how but limiting the people it came from made it come up with even more docs

before it was 2,206 but now it's 2,235

2/07 2:57 pm

wait i cracked the code i think!!! it was picking up emails from the FSU email as well before (dont know why) so i took that out of the equation and now it's only 75 docs



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What have we got today FSU wise?

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s 22 Couple of changes. Can we also please attach the FSU FOI requests spreadsheet that s 22 put together. It's in this folder: [FOI lists and stats](#)

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Hey s s 22
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I'm just trying to get all these FSU ones out the door - and s 22 also offline.

s 22 [REDACTED]
s 22 [REDACTED] Will give you a call in 10 or so
[REDACTED] just dealing with a couple of FSU things

5/07 12:27 pm

From the first part, I interpret a search term of 'the FSU requests' to fall within scope

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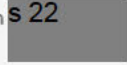
I have the FSU decision email sitting in the drafts folder, including a line to the effect that we're releasing related docs today that will be published to the disclosure log shortly



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also, if we're exempting the draft notice and SOR then there's probably no need to draw the FSU's attention



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is there any sign of the AGS advice on the FSU requests?

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we have TBC for the FSU ones but realistically it's s 22 they



7/06 5:07 pm

I don't like the idea of responding to FSU requests after hours or on weekend. I think that just gives them another thing to talk about.

11/06 3:58 pm

Yeah I reckon they're under the pump at the moment, those draft e-mails for the FSU requests needed a bit of work - had spelling mistakes, a couple of things were just wrong as well.

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I have one for ACMA/eSafety FSUA something or other

is that it?

18/06 8:44 am

Thanks **S 22** might leave that one until tomorrow anyway. First FSU ones are due today, so **S 22** and I have a bit to do.

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I've just realised I've been a little generous on scope with 24134 which is the one asking for our internal messages. it says messages containing "FSU" and "Free Speech Union" but I've been interpreting it as "or"



still getting the docs together

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"Under FOI, I request all correspondence (including emails, teams messages between team members within the FOI team and text messages) contained within the FOI team (and its team members) of the esafety commissioner's office dated 1 May 2024 to current, containing the terms "FSU" and "Free Speech Union"."

I've been treating "and" as "or"

only 13 teams messages so far

pulling together emails now

19/06 5:04 pm

Ohhh that's right

I've got FSU brain

20/06 3:28 pm

I've gotta do a couple of FSU things, but will try and smash something out

20/06 4:12 pm

let me know if I'm going too hard

this is a build up of FOI/FSU frustration I think

21/06 11:24 am

I've got a couple of other things I need to do for FSU, so I might leave the meeting to you

Let me know if you need me to jump in though

24/06 2:55 pm

I'm dealing with the FSU requests right now, but let me know if you need me to anything on 24116 (apart from notifying **S 22** I should be right from about 4:30.

24/06 4:36 pm

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Um s 22 is offline so I'm dealing with all the FSU ones

It might be one for s 22

25/06 9:58 am

For the FOI update, I'll give a quick update on FSU requests, but will hand over to you in relation to other requests if there's anything you want to mention.

25/06 3:38 pm

Honestly, all good. It took me about 2 hours yesterday to send 15 or so e-mails to FSU applicants.



I checked them at least 5 times each.

26/06 11:49 am

Just confirming that s 22 [REDACTED] is the only practical refusal decision we've made since 31 March? I know we have a heap in the pipeline (FSU & other), but decisions haven't been made yet.

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I was coming up with good lines for the FSU internal review decision walking the dogs last night

that will be a fun one

28/06 9:56 am

Let me know how you go with the IC review subs. I've gotta do a couple of things for FSU but should have some time a bit later on.

28/06 11:48 am

Sorry, I'll try and read it properly in about an hour. OAIC have requested more info on our FSU requests/applications for extension of time. So trying to smash that out now.

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wait I don't think we acknowledged 219 from the FSU either

28/06 4:29 pm

Yeah ok. Will be happy when we get through these FSU ones.

2/07 2:41 pm

Thanks, will have a quick look

Also FSU have posted their application for IR on X

Subject: Catch up re FSU FOI requests [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: Wed 12/06/2024 12:00 PM
End: Wed 12/06/2024 12:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: s 22
Required Attendees: s 22

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From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2024 4:21 PM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: FW: Advice re FOI Act - Free Speech Union of Australia campaign [AGSDMS-DMS.FID5190470] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]
Attachments: FSU FOI requests - draft emails.docx

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive
Legal Privilege**

Hi all

FYI. Please see attached updated wording.

Thanks

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2024 9:30 AM
To: s 22
Subject: FW: QON re No FOI applications received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22

I have also updated the 'number of applications withdrawn' below.

s 22 if you get could please let me know the total number of requests (up to 31 May 2024), I will go back to s 22 this morning.

Thanks

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:24 AM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: QON re No FOI applications received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hiiii

I've **updated** the only figures below that I'm confident on, as the others all include FSU and I'm sadly not across how we're managing those or where they're up to.

I was going to ask whether figure a includes matters that have been closed due to no valid request but we closed all those post-31 May so they'd be out anyway.

Kind regards

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, 31 May 2024 9:25 AM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: New FOI Request 24134 (Mikael448 #5) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Hi s 22, hope your week is going well.

I mentioned this one to you in passing last week but just realised we haven't actually formally brought it to your attention so please see the below FOI request for internal corro within the FOI team about FSU matters.

It should be pretty straightforward to pull together and a decent slab of it should be covered by privilege.

Kind regards

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From: mikael448 <mikael448@proton.me>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 10:26 PM
To: FOI <FOI@eSafety.gov.au>
Subject: FOI Request

Under FOI, I request all correspondence (including emails, teams messages between team members within the FOI team and text messages) contained within the FOI team (and its team members) of the esafety commissioner's office dated 1 May 2024 to current, containing the terms "FSU" and "Free Speech Union".

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: s 22
Sent: Monday, 17 June 2024 11:53 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Advice re FOI Act - Free Speech Union of Australia campaign [AGSDMS-DMS.FID5190470] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Thanks s 22 No comments or concerns from me.

From: s 22
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 11:50 AM
To: s 22
Subject: FW: Advice re FOI Act - Free Speech Union of Australia campaign [AGSDMS-DMS.FID5190470] [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Morning all

Please see below draft response to FSU. I have checked in with ACMA and it sounds like we're all happy with it. Please let me know if you've got any changes/comments before 1pm.

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, 21 June 2024 11:23 AM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: FOI 24134 - draft decision [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Thanks s 22 I have responded to your comments and made some minor suggested changes.

Kind regards

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:41 AM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: FOI 24134 - draft decision [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Howdy, just confirming that the ACMA has no issues with releasing the Outlook invitation – please see attached

From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:01 PM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: FOI 24134 - draft decision [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive
Legal Privilege**

Hi s 22

I have prepared a draft decision in the above matter, which you may recall calls for internal emails, teams messages etc between the FOI team referring to the FSU and Free Speech Union of Australia.

As discussed, I've been generous and interpreted 'and' as 'or' rather than requiring both 'FSU' and 'Free Speech Union of Australia' to appear in a given document.

A draft decision is available [here](#), while relevant documents are available for your review in [this folder](#). I have not converted the Teams messages to PDF yet pending confirmation about which messages will be exempted under s 42; s 22 redactions will occur after that document has been exported to PDF.

As also discussed, I have prepared a courtesy consult to the ACMA for our meeting invitation. The document itself contains no substantive information and all personal details will be redacted under s 22 so this is a pure courtesy consult about the fact of the meeting.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss or if there's anything further I can do.

Kind regards

s 22 [Redacted]

[Redacted]



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