
From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 1:47 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: eSafety Commissioner RFQ - FOI requests [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s 22

Thanks for your email, great to hear from you, I tried to give you a call just now but your line was busy.

We would be delighted to assist. We have a great FOI processing team here (as you know!) so we can certainly assist with these ones. I note the scope in your email, so we'll quote on that basis.

Kind regards

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From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 10:36 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: eSafety Commissioner RFQ - FOI requests [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s 47F

Hope you're well. I tried to phone you yesterday but was unable to get through. s 22

s 22 I am reaching out because eSafety presently has over 20 FOI requests on foot and requires assistance processing these requests. This is a record number of requests for eSafety, having only received a total of 24 requests in the previous financial year.

We would be grateful if you could:

- (a) confirm if your team has capacity to assist with this work. Decisions are due on many of the requests in late May/early June.
- (b) provide a quote to assist with processing between 15-18 requests. We appreciate it is difficult to estimate for this type of work given the requests and your level of involvement will vary. However, we anticipate that it will include reviewing documents, identifying applicable exemptions, preparing consultation letters to third parties, and drafting decisions.
- (c) provide a quote to assist with three Information Commissioner reviews. Documents are due in mid/late June.

Please feel free to call me on s 22 if you would like to discuss further. Otherwise, we would be grateful to receive your quote by 3pm on Thursday, 9 May 2024.

Many thanks

s 22



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From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, 2 May 2024 3:25 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Heads up - two new FOI matters [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege**

Thanks – happy to get surge support involved. s 47C
happy to look at them again.

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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:47 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Heads up - two new FOI matters [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive
Legal Privilege**

Hi s 22

Speaking of, we may need to consider some surge support. I have had good experiences with AGS' information law team in Melbourne.

Perhaps we can have a quick chat after our meeting with s 22 tomorrow?

Thanks

s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:33 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Heads up - two new FOI matters [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive
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Thanks s 22 sorry so much work is arriving on your doorstep!

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From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:15 PM

To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: Heads up - two new FOI matters [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Hi s 22 hope your week is going well so far.

Over lunch today we have received a further two FOI requests, taking us up to **20 active matters**. I've **attached** the two new ones for your reference – one relates to training/professional development undertaken by Julie since taking up office, which we will forward to s 22 shortly, and the other appears to relate to investigations matters.

Kind regards

s 22



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From: s 47F
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2024 9:43 AM
To: s 22
Cc: s 47F
Subject: Sparke Helmore Response | eSafety Commissioner RFQ - FOI requests [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Sparke Helmore Proposal - eSafety Commissioner - FOI processing services - May 2024.pdf

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Dear s 22

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal to provide FOI processing services support to the eSafety Commissioner.

Please find our response **attached** for your consideration.

If you have any queries, please contact me at any time. We otherwise look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

s 47F

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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, 3 May 2024 1:41 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Hello from eSafety! [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22 I'll give you a ring then.

Enjoy your weekend.

s 22



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From: s 22
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:16 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Hello from eSafety! [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22 — lovely to hear from you. I am tied up in conferences this afternoon but free Monday morning — does 10.30 am suit?
Thanks
s 22

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Hi s 22

s 22 Hope you're well.

Just wondering if you're free for a quick chat later today or Monday morning?

Kind regards

s 22



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From: s 22
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2024 9:51 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Legal budget [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22

Have responded to your questions below in green.

Thanks

s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 7:06 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Legal budget [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22

I am okay with the quote s 47C
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From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 2:31 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Legal budget [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22

Please see attached Sparke Helmore's quote for FOI surge support. If you're happy with their quote, I will start the procurement process.

Many thanks

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From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:59 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Legal budget [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Great – thanks

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:50 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Legal budget [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22

Re FOI surge support – Sparkes have confirmed they have capacity to assist. They are currently preparing a quote, which I expect to receive sometime tomorrow.

Thanks

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Hi [REDACTED]

Further our email exchange earlier this week, I have asked the legal managers to send me through updated figures but it is difficult to do at this stage with any accuracy. [REDACTED] s 22

[REDACTED] We will also be getting an estimate for FOI surge support from Sparke Hellmore.

s 22 [REDACTED]

s 22 [REDACTED]



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Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2024 4:54 PM
To: s 47F
Cc: s 47F
Subject: RE: Sparke Helmore Response | eSafety Commissioner RFQ - FOI requests [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 24CeSC110 - eSafety FOI Surge Support - Order for Legal Services.docx

OFFICIAL

Dear s 47F

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

I am pleased to confirm that your quote for FOI processing services has been approved. Please see attached Order for Legal Services for your review and acceptance.

Please let me know if you have any queries or concerns. Otherwise, I would be grateful if you could confirm your acceptance of the Order by close of business on 22 May 2024.

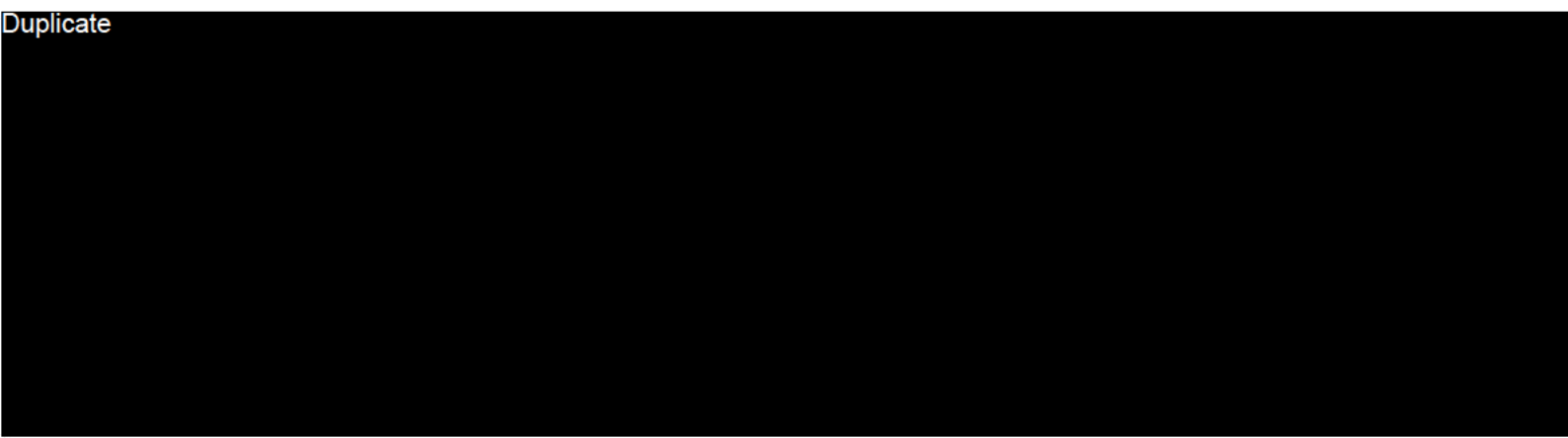
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20/05 4:04 pm

Hey. I'm just preparing an e-mail to send to everyone following up on Friday's State of Play. Wanted to check if you have any changes/additions prior to sending -

Hi all

Further to my previous e-mail, we have received 136 (and counting) new FOI requests since Friday afternoon. This takes our current total to 158 active requests. Most have been made through an online form set up by the Free Speech Union of Australia. We are assessing the validity of these requests. We have also contacted the OAI to advise them of our situation.

We will continue to keep you updated as these matters progress and apologise in advance for delays this may cause in other areas. We are in the process of engaging external support to assist with processing, which should hopefully boost our capacity to work on other matters in the coming weeks.

8/05 1:48 pm

Hi guys. Good news - Sparkes has capacity to assist. Just waiting on their quote now.



Monday, 5 May

6/05 3:28 pm

Hi **S** Just wanted to provide you with a quick update. I spoke to AGS - unfortunately their info law team is at capacity. Lots of litigation at the moment. They said they could open a general file and provide us with ad hoc assistance, e.g. application of exemptions, reviewing decision letters, drafting IC review submissions etc. I think this would be useful moving forward, but in terms of actually processing the requests, they are not going to be able to assist. I have an FOI meeting with **s 22** tomorrow, so will take stock of where we're at, what needs doing etc. Are you open to us approaching another firm on the panel? Thanks.

s 22 **??** 6/05 3:30 pm

Yes - I am open to you approaching another firm but I think we should try and get recommendations as to what other firms have FOI experience.

