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Mr Drummond  
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Dear Mr Drummond

**Follow-Up Official Information Act Request for List of Subjects for Information Requests Made to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

I refer to your additional Official Information Act (OIA) request of 29 January 2015 following my reply of 1 October 2014 to your original request for information relating to OIA requests received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) over the past five years. You stated that *"in your letter it would you do not not say whether the register records the date of receipt of request and the date of completion."* You have now requested *"If the register does, then please could you provide an Excel spreadsheet of requests for the time period that lists the date the request was received, the date of the last communication, and the subject. That would be sufficient for the purposes of my request" [sic].*

DPMC includes all OIA requests received by the department on an annual register which is recorded in a Microsoft Word document. I am releasing to you an extract of the five DPMC OIA registers from 2010 to 2014. In these extracts there are the date of the request, date received, due date, date response sent, where these have been recorded.

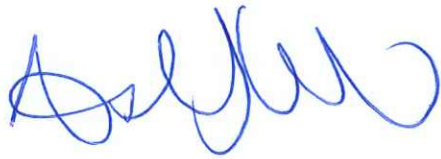
Please note in the 2010 OIA register extract – the date response sent is not being included. This is because DPMC only began to record the date the response was sent on the register from 2011 onwards. This does not mean OIA responses in 2010 were not complied within their statutory time limit. From 2011, however, DPMC saw value in including the response sent date in the OIA register. To provide the date of every OIA sent in 2010 would require obtaining a copy of each individual response sent in 2010 and then individually assessing when the response was sent and recording this information. The 2010 OIA repository are only held in hardcopy form and stored offsite. Providing the date of every OIA sent in 2010 would require substantial collation and research to provide the information requested. Therefore, I am declining this part of your request.

You have also requested the subject of each request be provided. DPMC does not summarise the subject of each individual request and records in the register the actual text of the request. The actual text of each request could potentially capture personal information and inadvertently reveal the identity of the requestor. It is also reasonable to expect some requestors when submitting their request would have made this in confidence and that their request would not be made available to third parties on request and, potentially, published as extracts or in full. To provide the subject of each request would also require individually assessing each request and substantial research in summarising the information being requested.

Accordingly, your request for those parts are being declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act "*that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*" In reaching this decision, I first considered the factors contained in sections 18A(1) and 18B of the Official Information Act. However, I did not consider that taking any of these steps would allow the request to be answered.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Shaw', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anne Shaw  
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