



29 February 2024

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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0244

Dear John

Official Information Act request relating to communication and financial involvement with Glitterpill and Khalifa Ihler Institute

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 16 October 2023. You requested:

"I'm requesting any communication and/or financial history shared between DPMC, or any inter-agency organisations DPMC is involved in, and Glitterpill LLC as well as The Khalifa Ihler Institute."

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 26 working days as your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations were needed before a decision could be made on your request.

We contacted you on 20 December 2023 advising of a decision to respond to your request by 29 February 2024. Following this decision, we are now in a position to respond. Thank you for your patience while we processed your request.

Information being released

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents attached, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
- section 9(2)(ba)(i), protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

Some information has also been removed from the attached documents where it is out of scope or is provided as a duplicate.

Please note that the information you have requested only relates to information held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) regarding the Khalifa Ihler Institute, as DPMC does not hold any information regarding Glitterpill. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of your request, as the information you have requested does not exist.

I can confirm that DPMC does not hold any information relating to any financial information between DPMC and the Khalifa Iher Institute, therefore, we are also refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janine Smith', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Janine Smith
Deputy Chief Executive, Policy