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Good afternoon Secretary,

Please find attached correspondence and embargoed report on behalf of Alice Linacre (Freedom of Information Commissioner).

Kind regards, s 22

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Freedom of Information Commissioner report on disclosure log desktop review – 2026

Dear Secretary,

In coming days, I intend to publish the report 'Disclosure Log Desktop Review – 2026', **attached.** Please treat as under embargo until publication.

This report assesses agencies' compliance with the 'disclosure log' provision in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) as well as the relevant FOI Guidelines (s 11C and Part 14 of the FOI Guidelines respectively). I have undertaken this regulatory activity under s 8(g) of the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* which addresses functions with respect to monitoring, investigating, and reporting on FOI Act compliance.

In conducting this review, we selected the 30 agencies that that gave full or partial access in response to the most requests for non-personal documents in 2024-25 financial year, which included The Treasury. We utilised publicly available information to conduct the review, including agency FOI statistics as previously reported by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). We did not seek any clarification or new information from any of the agencies. Due to this, the report generally deidentifies the agencies reviewed and does not contain adverse regulatory comment specific to any one agency.

However, we wish to advise that we have identified and highlighted – as examples of better practice – practices by your agency and others (see page 19 of the attached report). In this context only, The Treasury is identified in the report.

Overall, the report's objective is to assist agencies to improve their disclosure logs so that information released under the FOI Act can be more easily accessed by members of the public. The report makes 4 recommendations:

1. Agencies should review the format of, and information on, their disclosure logs and ensure they align with both the disclosure log obligations in section 11C of the FOI Act, the objects of the FOI Act and the FOI Guidelines. Specifically, agencies should:
    - ensure information on their disclosure log is searchable and where needed, make enhancements to improve searchability
    - ensure all disclosure log entries have a sufficient and accurate description
    - publish both the access and publication date for each disclosure log entry
    - provide direct access to the documents released wherever possible and provide an explanation when it is not possible to do so
    - consider a practical way to provide archived information for historical disclosure log entries to the public.
2. Agencies should prioritise publication of documents released in response to FOI requests to ensure they comply with the requirement to publish documents within 10 working days of access being given to the applicant.
3. Agencies should publish documents released under the FOI Act as new entries on their disclosure log. This includes:
    - when an agency releases documents, or parts of documents, following an internal review, an Information Commissioner review or after an Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) review
    - when information in the documents, or the documents themselves, are published on a third-party website in response to an FOI request.
4. Agencies should ensure their FOI reporting processes and procedures are sufficiently robust to provide the correct number of disclosure log entries to the OAIC, including undertaking revisions to these processes and procedures where needed.

These recommendations are intended to promote compliance with s 11C of the FOI Act and the FOI guidelines.

I acknowledge the positive practices your agency has adopted as set out in the report. If your agency is interested in more information about the report, please contact Sara Peel, Principal Director, Compliance (sara.peel@oaic.gov.au or 02 9942 4142).

Yours sincerely

Alice Linacre PSM
Freedom of Information Commissioner

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Good morning Colleagues

The OAIC has commenced consultation on an updated version of Part 14 of the FOI Guidelines (Disclosure Log).

We are seeking comments from agencies and other interested stakeholders on the content, practical implications, readability and accessibility of the draft Part 14 (v 1.8).

Further information can be found on the OAIC's consultation page -Consultation on Part 14 of the FOI Guidelines — Disclosure Log | OAIC.

The proposed revisions refresh/update existing content and give effect to recommendations made by the Freedom of Information Commissioner in her recently published report 'Disclosure Log Desktop Review – 2026 | OAIC' (August 2026).

Feedback can be sent to guidanceandpublications@oaic.gov.au.

The closing date for comments is **Friday 4 September 2026**.

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