

Cybersecurity Public Value Assessment Initiative



Freedom of Information Request

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Background

The 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy is a major national policy framework intended to strengthen Australia’s cyber resilience, support citizens and businesses, protect critical infrastructure, grow sovereign cyber capability, and position Australia as a world leader in cyber security by 2030.

Given the scale, national importance, and public funding attached to the Strategy, there is a strong public interest in understanding how it was developed, what evidence and stakeholder input informed its priorities, how funding is being allocated across programs and agencies, and what measurable outcomes are being used to assess whether the Strategy is delivering public value.

FOI Request

I request access under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 to any ministerial briefings, submission, or reports provided to the Minister for the Department of Home Affairs that reported on the performance, success or value for money of Horizon 1 of the 2023–2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy.

If any documents can be released administratively outside the FOI Act, I am willing to receive them on that basis.

I do not seek documents that are already publicly available, provided the agency identifies where they can be accessed.

I do not seek duplicate copies of documents captured by this request. I seek access only to the final version of each relevant document. If no final version exists, I seek access to the most recent draft.

If the agency identifies a large number of documents, I request that it provide a preliminary schedule or category list before making any practical-refusal decision, so I can consider narrowing the request in an informed way.

I do not seek access to the phone numbers or full email addresses of government officials. I also do not seek the names or contact details of officials below the Senior Executive Service level, or equivalent.

I request that the position titles of junior officials be left unredacted where possible.

I do not seek general email correspondence, transmittal emails, calendar invitations, meeting logistics, or administrative coordination emails, unless the substance of the responsive briefing or performance report appears only in that email.

I request that email domains be left visible where they provide useful information about the origin or destination of communications, for example: *[redacted]@treasury.gov.au*.

If access is refused in whole or in part, I request that the decision maker provides a schedule of documents to identify each document or part of a document refused and the exemption relied on, as per the Information Commissioner's guidelines at para 3.285.

Where responsive documents exist in spreadsheet, table, dashboard export, slide deck, or other native electronic form, I prefer access in that native format rather than as a flattened PDF.

If documents are released as PDFs, I request searchable PDFs rather than scanned image files wherever reasonably practicable.

If the agency decides that no documents exist, or that no further documents exist, I request that the decision describe the searches undertaken, including the business areas searched, search terms used where applicable, systems searched, and why those searches were considered sufficient.

Kindest Regards,
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