

## Alieva, Daria

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 February 2019 1:57 PM  
**To:** CMTEDD FOI  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Request CMTEDDFOI2018-0331 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

hello Indigo COLLINS

I am emailing to follow up on this request for information related to the One Sun solar bid

Sarah McBurney identified two documents in relation to my request and judged both exempt from release

I do not think either document was the one I was seeking and am emailing to provide more information about the document in the hope it can be located and released

The document I am seeking is the one referred to by then Minister Simon Corbell in this media story:

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/act/uriarra-solar-farm-applicants-linked-to-failed-nsw-green-electricity-retailer-20141104-11gpix.html>

In this story Mr Corbell's spokesman says the minister sought "independent advice from a financial advisory company" and based on that advice, it appears the minister made a judgment about Jackgreen's suitability to be considered in the solar auction

I am seeking that independent advice please

here is the relevant extract from the media story:

*A spokesman for Environment Minister Simon Corbell said ... the ACT government had become aware of the Jackgreen relationship during the solar auction and sought independent advice on the matter from a financial advisory company.*

*"The advice satisfied the minister that the proponent had engaged experienced and capable contractors and was well progressed with financing arrangements with proven financiers." he said.*

*... Based on that advice, "the minister did not consider the past association of Messrs Antflick and Smith with Jackgreen Limited to be material in relation to the One Sun project", he said.*

My request, then, is for:

1. a copy of the independent advice that Mr Corbell sought from a financial advisory company
2. a copy of the instructions that Mr Corbell (or his representative) sent to that company setting out the scope of the advice he was requesting
3. the name of the financial advisory company

4. the date of the advice

5. the cost of the advice

6. the names and positions of the people to whom the advice was provided (and/or copied and/or forwarded)

thank you



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**From:** EPSDFOI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 March 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Request 19/05086 - acknowledgement and advice sought re: interpretation of point 6 of the request

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and confirmation. We shall proceed accordingly.

Kind regards,  
Daria.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 March 2019 1:03 PM  
**To:** EPSDFOI <[EPSDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOI Request 19/05086 - acknowledgement and advice sought re: interpretation of point 6 of the request

hello Daria Alieva

thanks for your email

You ask how to interpret my point 6:

the names and positions of the people to whom the advice was provided (and/or copied and/or forwarded)

I am requesting this information for the time the advice was received, *but also in the following weeks/months until a decision was announced about the outcome of the first solar auction*

I'm not sure how many days/weeks/months that might have involved but I imagine it was a relatively short period of time

thank you



On Thu, 28 Feb 2019 at 14:27, EPSDFOI <[EPSDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au)> wrote:

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Dear 

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application, received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 15 February 2019, in which you sought access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act).

In your application you have requested access to information related to the One Sun Solar bid, particularly to “independent advice from a financial advisory company” referred to by then Minister Simon Corbell in this media article: <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/act/uriarra-solar-farm-applicants-linked-to-failed-nsw-green-electricity-retailer-20141104-11gpix.html>. Specifically, you are seeking:

1. a copy of the independent advice that Mr Corbell sought from a financial advisory company (as detailed in the above media article);
2. a copy of the instructions that Mr Corbell (or his representative) sent to that company setting out the scope of the advice he was requesting;
3. the name of the financial advisory company;
4. the date of the advice;
5. the cost of the advice; and
6. the names and positions of the people to whom the advice was provided (and/or copied and/or forwarded).

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, the standard processing time requires that a decision on access to documents must be made within 20 working days of receipt, being 18 March 2019.

#### Scope of the request

I am seeking confirmation from you that we have correctly interpreted point 6 of your request. The “names and positions of the people to whom the advice was provided (and/or copied and/or forwarded)” is interpreted as provided and/or copied and/or forwarded *at the time it was received*. Please confirm whether this interpretation is correct. Your earliest advice will enable the processing of this application to continue.

#### Third Party Consultation

In processing your application, consultation with relevant third parties may be required. In line with the Act, if third party consultation is required, the due date may be extended by 15 working days. If this is the case, you will be notified and advised of a revised decision due date.

#### Open Access Information

The Act requires that details regarding your request such as your application, decision notices, and information released to you, must be recorded in the agency disclosure log and be made publicly available on <https://www.act.gov.au/open-access>. Personal information about applicants is not disclosed. If you have any concerns about the information released to you being published, please let us know.

Should you have any queries in relation to the processing of your request please contact me on [epsdfoi@act.gov.au](mailto:epsdfoi@act.gov.au).

**Dr Daria Alieva | Freedom of Information and Records Officer**

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