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## AGS Legal training program

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVANCED MODULE

#### Business Affairs – Section 43 FOI Act

##### Target group

Employees who have attended our 'Introduction to FOI' course or who have equivalent training or experience in another FOI jurisdiction and need a more detailed understanding of this difficult area.

##### Course outline

This course is designed to significantly advance the knowledge and skills of FOI practitioners concerning the business affairs and breach of confidence exemptions. In this course, we will consider:

- the identification of business affairs and commercial information in section 43 of the FOI Act
- the meaning of the phrase 'could reasonably be expected to'
- the meaning of 'trade secrets', 'commercial value', 'adverse effect', 'unreasonably' and other concepts as they apply in the business affairs context of section 43
- applying the modified public interest tests.

We will work through these and other issues by means of several case studies. A detailed paper will also be provided.

##### Objectives

In this course, officers will undertake a thorough examination of the business affairs exemption and the way in which issues arising should be addressed and resolved.

##### Presenters

Our presenters are AGS lawyers who have a great depth of knowledge of the government environment, and who practise extensively in the areas of information access and administrative law.

##### Duration

This is a half-day course, either 9 am to 12.30 pm or 1.30 pm to 5 pm. The calendar indicates when sessions are being offered by either 'am' or 'pm'. Morning/afternoon tea will be provided.

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#### Cost

Standard fee – \$560.00 (inclusive of GST) per person.

If three or more people from one agency attend the same course on the same day **or** if one person attends three or more courses in the same week of training – \$504.00 (inclusive of GST) per person.

No more than 20 people will be accepted on each course, and courses will only be conducted if we receive sufficient nominations.

For further information on our calendar training, in-house or customised courses, please contact **Di Harvey on T 02 6253 7126** or **Kirstin Hewitt on T 02 6253 7436**, or email **cbrtraining@ags.gov.au**.

#### Website

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