



2010

AGS Legal training program

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVANCED MODULE

FOI Reform Overview – how will it affect your agency?

Target group

Senior executives and experienced FOI decision makers in particular will benefit from attending this hour-long presentation which has been designed specifically for in-house delivery.

Course outline

This presentation will summarise some of the most important proposals in the Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Bill 2009 and the Information Commissioner Bill 2009, which if enacted will result in the most comprehensive overhaul of the FOI Act since it came into force in December 1982.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- review of key proposed changes
- changes to key exemptions (this can be tailored to specific agency needs)
- modification to public interest test
- proactive publication
- processing and procedural changes
- Information Commissioner and review.

Most importantly, the presenter's considerable practical experience in FOI matters will help senior executives, FOI decision makers and practitioners to become familiar with the proposed changes and the best way of approaching decisions on the applicability of exemption provisions.

Objectives

Participants will have a good overview of the proposed reforms and how they will impact upon their agency, and will be able to identify issues and think strategically about how their agency will address the challenges presented by the proposals.

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.

Cost

Standard fee – \$500 (inclusive of GST) per in-house presentation.

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