



2010

AGS Legal training program

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVANCED MODULE

Internal Working Documents – Section 36 FOI Act

Target group

Employees who have attended our 'Introduction to FOI' course. FOI decision-makers, in particular, will benefit from attending.

Course outline

The course explores the coverage of section 36 of the FOI Act. The following issues will be examined in detail:

- what comprises 'matter in the nature of or relating to'?
- how do you determine whether a process is *deliberative*?
- what is 'purely factual material' and how should it be handled?
- how do you determine whether disclosure would be contrary to the public interest?
- how is the operation of section 36 affected by section 9?

During the course, participants will work on syndicate exercises which will examine the operation and limitations of section 36 and require the identification and balancing of relevant public interest factors. A manual addressing section 36 issues will be provided.

Objectives

Participants will have a good understanding of the coverage of section 36 and will gain a working knowledge of the meaning of the term 'public interest' and the operation of the public interest in the context of section 36.

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 full-day course commencing at 9 am and concluding at 4.30 pm. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

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Cost

Standard fee – \$850.00 (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 – \$765.00 (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**.

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