



2010

AGS Legal training program

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVANCED MODULE

Law Enforcement and FOI – Section 37 FOI Act

Target group

Employees who have attended our 'Introduction to FOI' course.

Course outline

In relation to section 37 of the FOI Act, this course will address the several separate exemptions including:

- the significance of the phrase 'would, or could reasonably be expected to' (ss 37(1) and (2))
- the meaning of the limitation 'in a particular instance' as used in s 37(1)(a)
- the issue of disclosure of, and possible prejudice to, enforcement methods (s 37(2)(b))
- the meaning of 'a confidential informant' in s 37(1)(b)
- what will constitute 'evidence of endangering life and physical safety'.

Concerning section 38 of the FOI Act, this course will briefly consider, in terms of the law before and after October 1991, the recognition by the FOI Act of secrecy provisions in other legislation, and the limitations of this exemption.

The course will involve syndicate exercises and group discussions and will be supported by a comprehensive paper.

Objectives

After attending this course, participants will have a fuller appreciation of section 37 issues and of the development of section 38 as it is currently framed.

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**.

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