



2010

AGS Legal training program

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVANCED MODULE

FOI Notices of Decision – Section 26 FOI Act

Target group

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

Course outline

This course is designed to assist all of those who have struggled with, and despaired over, statements of reasons. In this course, we will consider:

- the policy behind, and purpose of, the requirement to give reasons in section 26 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
- how statements of reasons are to be prepared so that they satisfy section 26(1)(a)
- the framing of statements of reasons so as not to disclose exempt material (section 26(2)).

We will work through these and other issues by composing statements of reasons in respect of a factual case study. A detailed paper will also be provided.

Objectives

In this course participants will gain a full appreciation of section 26 requirements and the ways of meeting them.

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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