Refusal of request for practical refusal reason

Description: This is a precedent written reason for refusal of a request to access documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth), based on a “practical refusal reason” (as that term is defined under the Act).

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Refusal[1.] of request for practical refusal reason[2.]

Reference is made to your request dated

A decision has been made to refuse acc
the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth

The work involved in processing the
resources of the agency from its other op
duration, eg "take not less than 6 month
materials to process the request"].

Signed _____

[*Insert title, eg "Manager, document retrie*

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Author notes

1. Notice in writing must be given by
access to a document is refused
(Cth). The notice must state:
   - the findings on any material d
     findings were based, and the
   - (if the document is a conditio
     taken into account in making
   - (in the case of an agency) the
     26(1)(b); and

   the applicant's rights with respe
   make a complaint to the Informat

2. In certain circumstances the Free
Minister to refuse to grant access
to the request.

   A "practical refusal reason" is def
   - in the case of an agency, whe
     substantially and unreasonab
     operations: s 24AA(1)(a)(i); a
   - in the case of a Minister, whe
     unreasonably interfere with th

   In determining these matters, rele
   be used in identifying, locating
   agency or office of the Minister co

   Access to a document may be re
   exist: s 24A. A respondent must
   the documents in question bef
   Centrelink [2011] AATA 587 at [2

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