

FOI1920/54 – Document Released in Full

On 17 December 2019, an FOI applicant made a request under the *Freedom of Information Act, 1982* (the **FOI Act** or the **Act**), seeking the number of authorised **nbn** FOI decision-makers.

Under the Act, FOI applicants have a right to seek documents, rather than information or datasets. However, section 17 of the FOI Act also permits FOI agencies to draw information from computers or other equipment and to collate that information into a document, which had previously not existed (**the Requested Document**).

nbn's FOI Officer determined to release this document, the Requested Document, in full to the applicant in this matter.

***nbn** has delegated FOI decision-making to five **nbn** staff members, with four being members of the **nbn** Legal Group and the fifth being a member of the Internal Audit and Risk function at **nbn**. Additional FOI decision-makers may be authorised to complete FOI decisions or perform FOI functions, as determined by operational requirements.*

*Four **nbn** staff members have delegated authority to complete Internal Reviews, being three members of the **nbn** Legal Group and one staff member from Internal Audit.*

*In general, **nbn**'s General Counsel FOI, Privacy and Knowledge Management completes the vast majority of FOI decisions. A smaller number of FOI decisions and processing functions are completed by other lawyers within **nbn** Legal's FOI, Privacy and Knowledge Management Team. Other authorised FOI decision-makers undertake FOI functions as needed, such as in cases of leave or as otherwise needed for operational requirements.*