

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASE NOTES**

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### **Request for information that originated outside the public sector *Information Act* s.6**

The Complainant sought information that a Department had received from another body. The other body was not a public sector organisation.

The Department refused access to the information on the basis that it originated from a body not covered by the Act. The *prima facie* decision maker took the view that this interpretation of the Act was misconceived. The Act contemplates that some government information will originate from private sources, and that exemptions such as those provided by sections 55, 56, and 57 exist to be applied to this kind of information.

Accordingly, there was sufficient *prima facie* evidence for the matter to proceed and it was referred to mediation.