

**Decision D0162008 - Published in note form only**

***Re McCauley and Metropolitan Cemeteries Board* [2008] WAICmr 16**

**Date of Decision:** 22 May 2008

***Freedom of Information Act 1992: Section 26***

In late October 2007, the complainant applied to the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board ('the agency') for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* ('the FOI Act') to all documents relating to an inscription on the gravestone of a named individual.

The agency gave the complainant access to a number of documents. On internal review, the agency, following further searches, identified two additional documents which it claimed arguably came within the scope of the complainant's access application. The agency released those documents to the complainant. In December 2007, the complainant applied to the A/Information Commissioner ('the A/Commissioner') for an external review of that decision, on the basis that the complainant believed that further documents existed or should exist.

The A/Commissioner required the agency to provide its FOI File and information in relation to the searches made for the documents. One of the A/Commissioner's officers made further inquiries with the agency. An examination of the agency's search processes and procedures was undertaken. No further documents of the requested kind were identified as a result of those inquiries. In April 2008, the officer advised the complainant of the results of those inquiries.

In response, the complainant asked that further inquiries be made with the agency. Following that request, the officer made further inquiries. However, no additional documents were located.

The A/Commissioner considered that the agency had taken all reasonable steps to locate the requested documents and was satisfied that the documents cannot be found or do not exist.