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Dear [REDACTED]

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

*"I am seeking access to documents, specifically reports, briefing notes and attachments, audits relating to police officers not up to date with firearms training since January 1, 2022. Please also include the status of those who have undertaken firearms training – i.e., whether they passed or failed or given a particular time and reasons for failure. Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released, media statements/reports/articles and correspondence with media. I consent to copies of edited documents with exempt material redacted/pixelated. Please note, I consent to personal information such as contact numbers/email addresses being redacted, but I don't consent to information being deemed irrelevant without consultation."*

As a result of our phone conversation on 6 July 2023, South Australia Police (SAPOL) has sourced information relative to your request.

Operational members undergo Operational Readiness Qualification (ORQ) training annually. Firearms training and qualification is included as part of the ORQ. The total number of members who have undertaken Operational Readiness Qualification since 1 January 2022 is 3762.

Since January 2022, 39 members have been assessed as not competent in the firearms component of the Operational Readiness Qualification; however all were assessed as competent after additional training and re-sit of the qualification. The reason for members not attaining competence is they have failed the assessment criteria of "Demonstrate competent application of live fire" which is conducted over various distances with police officers being tested on their accuracy. Inconsistent accuracy is normally a result of poor stance, grip or trigger manipulation or a combination of all.

Members who fail a component of the ORQ are provided with additional coaching and training which is normally conducted one on one (participant / instructor). This enables greater level of instruction and provides the participant with the opportunity to demonstrate the required level of proficiency.



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## **Disclosure Log**

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at [https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **25 August 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Senior Sergeant Kelly Johnson  
**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

24 July 2023