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Dear Mr McKinnon

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

I refer to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991 in which access was sought to the following information:

"I am seeking documents produced in the last two years containing information about sexual assaults: specifically, I am seeking information about:

- 1) *data and /or other statistics showing (a) the number of complaints of sexual assaults (b) the number of sexual assaults investigated (c) the number of sexual assaults dismissed or not investigated or not actioned because the allegation was baseless and/or unfounded (d) the number of sexual assaults investigated with subsequent arrest and/or charges laid.*
- 2) *Any briefing and/or advice and/or communication prepared for or by management in relation to resources and/or a lack of resources to investigate allegations of sexual assault and*
- 3) *Any briefing and/or advice and/or communication prepared for or by management in relation to flaws and/or problems and/or alleged flaws and/or alleged problems with statistics relating to sexual assault."*

In my letter dated 29 December 2017 and emailed the same day, I advised that preliminary enquiries with the Manager of Performance and Governance Section (P&GS) had been made and it was confirmed that South Australia Police (SAPOL) could provide data that was readily available with respect to parts 1(a) and 1(d). In our telephone conversation on 5 January 2018 you narrowed the remainder of the scope to:

- "2) Documents created or held by the Officer in Charge of South Australia Police Special Crimes Branch in relation to a lack of resources to investigate allegations of sexual assault; and*



- 3) *Documents created or held by Officer in Charge of South Australia Police Special Crimes Branch and Manager of Performance and Governance Section in relation to flaws, problems, alleged flaws and alleged problems with statistics relating to sexual assault.*

In relation to the following parts of your request:

" 1) data and /or other statistics showing (a) the number of complaints of sexual assaults...(d) the number of sexual assaults investigated with subsequent arrest and/or charges laid..."

It is determined to **release in full** the number of victim reported sexual assaults for 2015/2016 as 2,310 and during 2016/2017 was 2,158.

It should be noted that following data was extracted using the *clearup* status of *Arrest/Arrest & Application* and or *Report/Report & Application*. Application refers to an application for Intervention Order.

In 2015/2016 729 *arrests* were recorded as well as 68 *arrests and application* whilst 244 *reports* were recorded as well as 6 *reports and application*.

In 2016/2017 610 *arrests* were recorded as well as 118 *arrests and application* whilst 243 *reports* were recorded as well as 7 *reports and application*.

It is pointed out that the above data was correct as at 29 December 2017 and a number of these matters remain under investigation which may result in future *arrests, arrests and application, reports or report and application*.

In relation to the following narrowed parts of your request:

- "2) Documents created or held by the Officer in Charge of South Australia Police Special Crimes Branch in relation to a lack of resources to investigate allegations of sexual assault; and*
3) *Documents created or held by Officer in Charge of South Australia Police Special Crimes Branch and Manager of Performance and Governance Section in relation to flaws, problems, alleged flaws and alleged problems with statistics relating to sexual assault."*

Enquiries have been made with the Officer in Charge of Special Crimes Branch and the Manager of P&GS. Both confirmed they hold no documents that fall within the narrowed scope of parts 2 and 3 of your request.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of the FOI application, and the documents to which access has been given, will be published on SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

Your rights to review and appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station.

Alternatively an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$34.25. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,



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8 January 2018