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Dear 

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

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

*“The crime rate of Ceduna in the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (or most recent date). The crime rate of Ceduna since March 6th 2023 until now (or most recent date). The crime rate of dry communities that are within 150km of Ceduna (areas listed below) in the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (or most recent date). The number of arrests in Ceduna relating to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour, within the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (or most recent date). The number of persons arrested due to crimes of violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour whose main residence is a dry community that is within 150km of Ceduna (areas listed below). The number of people arrested in Ceduna who are of Indigenous descent whose crimes relate to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour within the calendar year of 2021, 2022, and 2023 and 2024 (or most recent date). Areas of interest that are within 150km of Ceduna: - Chundaria - Mitchidy Moola - Nanbona - Yellabinna - Fowlers Bay - Coorabie - Bookabie - Penong - Watraba - White Well Corner - Uworra - Koonibba - Charra - Nadia - Denial Bay - Kalanbi - Yumbarra - Wandana - Maltee - Merghiny - Laura Bay - Mudamuckla - Puntable - Chinbingina - Carawa - Nunjikipita - Pimbaacla - Smoky Bay - Haslam - Petina - Wirrulla - Wallala - Koolgera - Pureba - Pinjarra Station - Kondoolka - Hiltaba - Haslam - Perlubia - Eba Anchorage - Streaky Bay - Yanerbie - Piednippie - Chilpenunda - Chandada - Maryvale - Inkster - Poochera - Cungen - Yantanabie - Kaldoonera - Narlaby - Bockelberg - Bockelberg - Lockyes Claypan - Yanerbie - Sceale Bay - Calca - Mortana - Tyinga - Baird Bay - Witera - Colley - Mount Cooper”*



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In consultation with your Office Manager, Joseph Lafaele, the scope of your request was split into parts and amended to enable the FOI Unit to locate documents relative to your request. It is agreed to **release the information to you in full** as follows:

**In relation to part one of your request:**

*“The crime rate of Ceduna in the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (or most recent date).”*

It was agreed this part of your request relates to offences reported to police during the period specified.

The following offence statistics were obtained from publicly released data available on DataSA at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/crime-statistics>. The published data is suburb-based crime statistics for crimes against the person and crimes against property.

Data has been filtered to the suburb of CEDUNA.

**Table 1:** Offences within ‘CEDUNA’

Year	Offences
2021	478
2022	481
2023	875

**Note:** Statistics post 1 July 2023 have not yet been compiled and are therefore not readily available.

**In relation to part two of your request:**

*“The crime rate of Ceduna since March 6th 2023 until now (or most recent date).”*

It was agreed this part of your request was duplicate to part one of your request and was subsequently withdrawn.

**In relation to part three of your request:**

*“The crime rate of dry communities that are within 150km of Ceduna (areas listed below\*) in the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (or most recent date).”*

*\* Dry communities defined by areas within 150km of Ceduna as listed: Chundaria - Mitchidy Moola - Nanbona - Yellabinna - Fowlers Bay - Coorabie - Bookabie - Penong - Watraba - White Well Corner - Uworra - Koonibba - Charra - Nadia - Denial Bay - Kalanbi - Yumbarra - Wandana - Maltee - Merghiny - Laura Bay - Mudamuckla - Puntable - Chinbingina - Carawa - Nunjikompita - Pimbaacla - Smoky Bay - Haslam - Petina - Wirrulla - Wallala - Koolgera - Pureba - Pinjarra Station - Kondoolka - Hiltaba - Haslam - Perlubia - Eba Anchorage - Streaky Bay - Yanerbie - Piednippie - Chilpenunda - Chandada - Maryvale - Inkster - Poochera - Cungen - Yantanabie - Kaldoonera - Narlaby - Bockelberg - Bockelberg - Lockyes Claypan - Yanerbie - Sceale Bay - Calca - Mortana - Tyinga - Baird Bay - Witera - Colley - Mount Cooper”*

It was agreed that statistics would be provided as a summary of locations rather than by individual location.

The following offence statistics were obtained from publicly released data available on DataSA at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/crime-statistics>. The published data is suburb-based crime statistics for crimes against the person and crimes against property.

The below table was filtered to suburb localities listed within the above provided 'dry community' locality list.

**Table 2:** Offences within 150km of Ceduna ('dry communities'\* suburb localities)

Year	Offences
2021	112
2022	114
2023	126

**Note:** Statistics post 1 July 2023 have not yet been compiled and are therefore not readily available.

**In relation to part four of your request:**

*"The number of persons arrested due to crimes of violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour whose main residence is a dry community that is within 150km of Ceduna (areas listed below).*

*\* Dry communities defined by areas within 150km of Ceduna as listed: Chundaria - Mitchidy Moola - Nanbona - Yellabinna - Fowlers Bay - Coorabie - Bookabie - Penong - Watraba - White Well Corner - Uworra - Koonibba - Charra - Nadia - Denial Bay - Kalanbi - Yumbarra - Wandana - Maltee - Merghiny - Laura Bay - Mudamuckla - Puntable - Chinbingina - Carawa - Nunjikompita - Pimbaacla - Smoky Bay - Haslam - Petina - Wirrulla - Wallala - Koolgera - Pureba - Pinjarra Station - Kondoolka - Hiltaba - Haslam - Perlubia - Eba Anchorage - Streaky Bay - Yanerbie - Piednippie - Chilpenunda - Chandada - Maryvale - Inkster - Poochera - Cungen - Yantanabie - Kaldoonera - Narlaby - Bockelberg - Bockelberg - Lockyes Claypan - Yanerbie - Sceale Bay - Calca - Mortana - Tyinga - Baird Bay - Witera - Colley - Mount Cooper"*

It was agreed statistics would be provided where the person resided in a dry community at the time of the offence and presented as a summary of locations rather than by individual location; the term 'arrested' refers to all apprehensions (arrests & reports) and the offence location is Ceduna.

**Table 3:** Number of persons arrested in CEDUNA with offences against the person or property recorded & residential address recorded to a dry community for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (up to May 2024).

Custody Records
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**Note:** The data for the number of people arrested has been obtained from custody records within the Shield Records Management System where the location of 'arrest' is recorded. The location in which a person is 'reported' is not recorded in the Shield Records Management System, therefore statistics relating to persons 'reported' in Ceduna is not available.

**In relation to part five of your request:**

*“The number of people arrested in Ceduna who are of Indigenous descent whose crimes relate to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour within the calendar year of 2021, 2022, and 2023 and 2024 (or most recent date).”*

It was agreed statistics would be provided where the person is of indigenous descent; the term ‘arrested’ refers to all apprehensions (arrests & reports), the offence location is Ceduna for offences against person and/or property.

**Table 4:** Number of people arrested in CEDUNA, recorded with indigenous descent associated to a primary occurrence with offences against person and/or property per calendar year.

2021	2022	2023	2024
82	103	125	56

**Note:** The data for the number of people arrested has been obtained from custody records within the Shield Records Management System where the location of ‘arrest’ is recorded. The location in which a person is ‘reported’ is not recorded in the Shield Records Management System, therefore statistics relating to persons ‘reported’ in Ceduna is not available.

**In relation to part six of your request:**

*“The number of arrests in Ceduna relating to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour, within the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (or most recent date).”*

The below table shows the number of arrests made in CEDUNA, where the primary charged occurrence had offences relating to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour recorded.

**Table 5:** Number of arrests in CEDUNA relating to violence, theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or antisocial behaviour per calendar year.

2021	2022	2023	2024
161	185	239	94

It was agreed the term ‘arrested’ refers to all apprehensions (arrests & reports) and the offence location is Ceduna for offences against person and/or property.

**Note:** The data for the number of people arrested has been obtained from custody records within the Shield Records Management System where the location of ‘arrest’ is recorded. The location in which a person is ‘reported’ is not recorded in the Shield Records Management System, therefore statistics relating to persons ‘reported’ in Ceduna is not available.

**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-Logs.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf).

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **12 July 2024**.

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)

6 June 2024