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Re: Freedom of Information Act application - ADDENDUM

I refer to your application received by South Australia Police (SAPOL) in which access was sought to the following information pursuant to the *Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991*:

"We seek documents that relate to security incidents and breaches for the past five calendar years (and up to date of processing) inclusive at State Government-related buildings, including, but not limited to, the State Administration Centre, Parliament House, Government House, SAPOL headquarters, relevant government departments and/or agency buildings and any others that come under the banner of Protective Security Services. Please provide documents that detail the security incidents, including any incident reports. Please include in table format, date, time, location, description of incident, outcome and action. Please note these incidents are is (sic) defined as someone entering a protected place during business hours, and due to behaviour need to be dealt with either by Protective Service Officers or SAPOL officers or were trespassing after hours or suspected of having committed an offence. Please allow at least 30 days before publishing on any disclosure logs."

On 13 December 2024 you received a letter from the FOI Unit which requested a narrowed scope. On 6 January 2025 you agreed to narrow the scope. Subsequently the FOI Unit have processed your application based upon the following scope:

"Documents relating to security incidents and breaches at State Government-related buildings, including, but not limited to, the State Administration Centre, Parliament House, Government House, SAPOL headquarters, relevant government departments and/or agency buildings and any others that come under the banner of Protective Security Services between 1 January 2024 to 12 December 2024."

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located a document that falls within the scope of your request. The document is numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the



details of the determination in compliance with Section 23. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE			
No.	Document Description	Status	Clauses
11	PSSB Journal –Protected Places 2024	Partial Release	6(1) 4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(a)(v) 4(2)(b)

JUSTIFICATION AND CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

Clause 4(2)(a)(iii), 4(2)(a)(v) & Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law (including any revenue law); or to endanger the security of any building, structure or vehicle, and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

The redacted text includes information relating to the security measures utilised to protect premises, including the locations & limitations of security devices. Revealing such information could compromise the security measures in place, making it easier for individuals to evade surveillance or target specific areas. Withholding this information is crucial to maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of security systems.

In consideration of the public interest factors, I provide the following justification:

Factors favouring disclosure:

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Disclosure can enhance public trust by demonstrating that security measures are in place and functioning effectively.
- **Public Safety:** Providing information about security camera locations can reassure the public that their safety is being actively monitored and protected.
- **Informed Public Debate:** Access to this information can contribute to discussions about the adequacy and appropriateness of security measures in public spaces.

Factors against disclosure:

- **Security Risks:** Revealing the locations of security cameras could compromise their effectiveness, allowing individuals to avoid detection or target specific areas and reducing the risk of damage occurring as a result.
- **Law Enforcement:** Disclosure could hinder law enforcement efforts by providing potential wrongdoers with information that could help them evade detection.
- **Public Safety:** Keeping this information confidential helps ensure that security measures remain effective, and that public safety is not compromised.

Considering the factors above, I am of the view that the arguments against disclosure significantly outweigh those in favour. Therefore, I consider the redacted text is exempt from disclosure.

Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).”

The redacted text pertains to the personal affairs of individuals including names, addresses, date of births and personal information whose consent for disclosure has not been obtained. To protect their privacy and sensitive personal information, and in the absence of their consent, I believe it is

unreasonable to release this information. Therefore, I consider the redacted text is exempt from disclosure.

Incident Codes

The incident codes referenced in the attached document are defined as follows:

Code	Description
101	Disturbance
102	Intoxicated/Drugged
104	Potentially Violent Disturbance
105	Assistance Required
106	Disturbance/Domestic Violence
108	Person Collapsed
111	Check on Welfare
112	Mental Health
113-L	Missing Person Located
309	Drug Offence
401F	Alarm – Fire
402	Suspect on Premises
403	Trespasser on Premises
404	Suspect/Vehicle Loitering
405	Premises Open
406	Serious Criminal Trespass
408	Damage Property
408G	Damage Property – Graffiti
501	Assault
505	Rape
608	Traffic Hazard
704	Fire – Non-Structure
709	Bomb Report
806	Enquiry

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, 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 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$42.00.

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.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 14 March 2025.

Yours sincerely

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

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

11 February 2025