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Dear Mr Duluk

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

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

- "a) Number of reported assaults on prescribed emergency service workers in South Australia from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020*
- b) Above data (a) split by month*
- c) Above data (a) split by month and type of occupation e.g. SA Ambulance Service officer, SAPOL police officer, Metropolitan or Country Fire Service officer, and a person (whether a medical practitioner, nurse, security or otherwise) performing duties in a hospital or in the course of retrieval or attending an out of hours unscheduled call-out*
- d) Above data (a, b and c) split by type of crime e.g. assault, harm and human biological material"*

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within the scope of your request. This data was correct as at 6 August 2020 and has been presented in tables below. Please note with respect to Part C of your request, South Australia Police (SAPOL) are able to separate offences against Police but are unable to separate the other specific emergency service work occupations. With respect to Part D of your request, SAPOL Data Warehouse does not contain data specific to 'human biological material'.

Offence Category	2017						2018											
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Assault police</b>	49	42	63	62	52	58	68	57	77	84	75	61	74	64	60	67	65	
Assault cause harm with injury - Police																		
Assault cause harm with injury - Police (Aggravated)		1	4	5	1	1			2	4	3	3	1	1	3	2	27	31
Assault NO injury - Police	30	21	28	32	28	27	39	30	49	38	24	31	33	32	34	37	32	26
Assault NO injury - Police (Aggravated)	19	20	31	25	23	30	29	27	26	42	48	27	40	31	23	28	19	8
<b>Other acts intended to cause injury</b>																		
Other acts intended to cause injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)																		
Other acts intended to cause injury - Police (Aggravated)																		
<b>Serious Assault not resulting in injury</b>																		
Assault NO injury - Emergency Worker																		
Assault NO injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)																		
<b>Serious Assault resulting in injury</b>																		
Assault cause harm with injury - Emergency Worker																		
Assault cause harm with injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)																		
<b>Threatening behaviour</b>																		
Threatening behaviour - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)																		
Threatening behaviour - Police (Aggravated)																		


Offence Category	2019												2020					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<b>Assault police</b>	60	50	75	55	56	66	33	51	44	45	32	58	49	45	33	43	35	42
Assault cause harm with injury - Police																		
Assault cause harm with injury - Police (Aggravated)	31	24	34	19	21	22	16	21	11	20	7	3	1	2				
Assault NO injury - Police	21	15	25	28	19	25	15	17	24	8	12	29	25	23	15	22	21	20
Assault NO injury - Police (Aggravated)	8	11	16	8	16	19	2	13	9	17	12	23	21	18	16	18	13	20
<b>Other acts intended to cause injury</b>	2		0							1		0	1	5	1	3	6	1
Other acts intended to cause injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)																		
Other acts intended to cause injury - Police (Aggravated)	2		0							1		0	1	5	1	2	3	1
<b>Serious Assault not resulting in injury</b>																		
Assault NO injury - Emergency Worker								1	1	6	22	26	25	21	15	28	12	16
Assault NO injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)								1		2	4	12	15	11	10	18	5	8
<b>Serious Assault resulting in injury</b>										1	4	18	14	10	5	10	7	8
Assault cause harm with injury - Emergency Worker										1	1	5	3	1	1	6	3	
Assault cause harm with injury - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)										1		4	1	1	1	3	2	
<b>Threatening behaviour</b>			3								3	1	0			2	1	4
Threatening behaviour - Emergency Worker (Aggravated)											1							1
Threatening behaviour - Police (Aggravated)			3								2	1	0			2	1	3

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 29 September 2020.

Your rights to review

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 \$37.50. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,

  
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 (Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

18 August 2020