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Our Ref: 25-1109  
Your Ref: 20375264  
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Email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

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 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."*

**I provide the following in relation to all parts of your application, except for "security incidents and breaches at SAPOL Headquarters":**

Consultation has been undertaken with SAPOL's Police Security Services Branch (PSSB) in relation to your request. PSSB have advised that whilst the information may exist as data within our systems, the following issues prevent the information from being available for production and **it is therefore deemed that no documents exist relative to this part of your request.**



Security incidents at 'protected places' are recorded in multiple systems, depending upon the type of incident. Although SAPOL corporately reports on some of the information you have requested via its Annual Report, the incidents reported are typically of the more serious nature, requiring the use of Police Security Officers (PSOs) or police authorities. There are no output reports readily available to extract the information from our systems. To satisfy your request, an employee from PSSB would be required to manually view, assess, extract and collate data from varying systems to create a document specific to your request, thereby substantially diverting the agencies resources from its core functions to complete this task.

Part 1, Section 4 (5) of the FOI Act states:

*"Where –*

- a. an agency holds information in computer storage; and*
- b. a particular document is capable of being produced by the computer on the basis of information so stored, the agency is to be taken to hold that document."*

Whilst all endeavours have been made to ascertain ways in which the information you requested could be provided, ultimately the information is not readily available, and our systems are not capable of producing a document(s) which provides the data you seek.

As SAPOL hold no documents relative to this part of your request, a determination has not been made and therefore this letter of notice holds no review rights. However, should you be dissatisfied, a complaint can be made to the Ombudsman under the Ombudsman Act 1972.

Data that SAPOL corporately reports on with regards to protected places and Critical Infrastructure & High Risk (CI-HR) assets, can be viewed online within each annual report at: <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/about-us/annual-reporting>. These figures are only related to matters considered to be of a more serious nature and are not inclusive of all security related incidents. Please note that the process of collating the data for Annual Reports is also a manual process from multiple disparate data sets, albeit the parameters are narrower in scope than your request.

**I provide the following in relation to your request for "security incidents and breaches at SAPOL Headquarters" and "Please provide documents that detail the security incidents, including any incident reports.":**

Due to an additional reporting requirement regarding security incidents at SAPOL Headquarters and SAPOL Communications Centre, the agency is able to source documents relative to this part of your request. There were no incidents reported at SAPOL Communications Centre within scope of your request.

The below statistics reveal security incidents that have occurred at **SAPOL Headquarters** and as per your request, are limited to those within your definition of: "*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*" for the past five calendar years.

**Summary of Security Incidents at SAPOL Headquarters within scope of your request**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
<b>2021</b>		
13/1/2021	Male confronted PSO's at front of PHQ causing a disturbance. Male armed with knife at time of arrest. SAP2100009782 refers	Suspect arrested
29/8/2021	Unknown person tampered with front door access panel. SAI2100188096 refers	Unable to locate suspect
<b>2022</b>		
28/6/2022	Person threw glass bottle at the entrance. SAP2200147535 refers	Suspect arrested
3/7/2022	Person threw glass bottle at the entrance. SAP2200147535 refers	Suspect arrested
9/7/2022	Person threw glass bottle at the entrance (separate from above incident). Nil Shield record.	Unable to locate suspect
<b>2023</b>		
5/3/2023	Person attempted to gain entry to PHQ after hours. Kicked the entry doors numerous times. Nil assault / nil damage / nil entry gained. SAP2300058868 refers	Suspect arrested
20/4/2023	Unknown person removed cover from warning light at western driveway entrance. SAP2300106604 refers	Suspect arrested
22/4/2023	Unknown person marked graffiti in black texta on the front door. SAP2300101891 refers	Unable to locate suspect
29/4/2023	Unknown person attempted to pry open doors of PHQ, wedged wallet between the doors and tampered with door panel. Nil entry gained. SAI2300113392 refers	Unable to locate suspect
28/7/2023	Unknown person used slingshot to fire projectile at PHQ. Glass panel above entry doors smashed. SAP2300202815 refers	Unable to locate suspect
4/8/23 – 7/8/23	Unknown projectile struck a window on the southern side of PHQ, Level 6. Projectile has cracked glazing and caused small circular hole. SAP2300194150 refers	Unable to locate suspect
16/12/2023	Person gained access to scaffolding erected at the front of PHQ. SAP2300324004 refers.	Person detained for mental health

**Please note** there were no incidents at PHQ during 2019, 2020 or 2024 (to date).

**Shield Reports of Security Incidents at SAPOL Headquarters within scope of your request**

Shield Reports generated in response to the above referenced incidents and within scope of your request have been located. The documents are 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.

<b>SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Clauses</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1	Occurrence Report SAP2100009782	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of third parties whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to details such as names and date of births. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
2	Occurrence Report SAP2200147535	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of third parties whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to details such as names and date of births. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
3	Occurrence Report SAP2300058868	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of third parties whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to details such as names and date of births. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
4	Occurrence Report SAP2300101891	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of a third party whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to the person's date of birth and SAPOL's unique identifier for that person. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.

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5	Occurrence Report SAP2300106604	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of third parties whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to details such as names and date of births. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
6	Occurrence Report SAP2300194150	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of a third party whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to the person's date of birth and SAPOL's unique identifier for that person. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
7	Occurrence Report SAP2300324004	Part Release	6(1)	The redacted text is the personal affairs of third parties whose consent has not been sought regarding release of their information to you. The information relates to details such as names and date of births. I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information, notwithstanding the redacted text does not detract from the content disclosed.
8	Occurrence Report SAP2300202815	Full Release		
9	Street Check Report SAI2100188096	Access Refused	4(3)	The document is held by the State Intelligence Section of South Australia Police and is exempt from disclosure.
10	Street Check Report SAI2300113392	Access Refused	4(3)	The document is held by the State Intelligence Section of South Australia Police and is exempt from disclosure.

**CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL**

Clause 4(3) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*“A document is an exempt document if it is a document that was created by the former Bureau of Criminal Intelligence or has been created or is held by the State Intelligence Section of South Australia Police or any authority substituted for that body.”*

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).”*

**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, if applicable.

**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 16 December 2024

Yours sincerely



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12 November 2024