



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
**SAFER COMMUNITIES**



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Dear [Redacted]

**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 total number of staffing disputes which went before the South Australian Employment Tribunal between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2023; and*

*A list disclosing the total cost in each year from 2019 to 2022 of settling civil claims against police, including matters relating to:*

- a) unlawful searches;*
- b) illegal arrest;*
- c) false imprisonment;*
- d) trespass;*
- e) assault;*
- f) harassment;*
- g) malicious protection; and*
- h) other civil liberties infringements or claims resulting from police misconduct.”*

**In relation to this part of your request**

*“The total number of staffing disputes which went before the South Australian Employment Tribunal between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2023;”*

On 11 December 2023 you agreed to withdraw this part of your request.



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SAPOL provide the below information in response to your request and agree to **release the information in full.**

YEAR	COST
2019	\$210,572.03
2020	\$633,491.28
2021	\$1,735,698.97
2022	\$967,520.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,547,283.02</b>

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 12 January 2024.

Yours sincerely



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

11 December 2023