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Dear [Redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Act application – Letter of Notice

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

“The number of officers who in the past 12 months qualify for any SAPOL service medal or honours but have not yet been awarded that medal. I.e. Is there any backlog in the awarding of medals?”

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located information that falls within the scope of your request and agree to **release this information to you in full**.

A police officer becomes eligible after the defined period of service is completed. Once eligible, a number of steps are taken to ensure suitability to receive the award. These steps include a probity assessment, diligent and ethical service supervisor’s report, Commendation Committee recommendation and Commissioner of Police approval. For national medals, these must also be approved by the Governor-General with provision to award given by Government House, Canberra. Once these steps have been completed a police officer qualifies for presentation of the award. There is no backlog of awards due for police officers who become eligible for an award due in 2024.

The total number of police officers (up to 2024) who qualify for any SAPOL service medal or honour but are awaiting presentation is **1,555**. Of these, **1239** have been delivered for local presentations at the member’s request. **81** police officers are booked into the next formal award presentation, **68** resigned police officers have awards awaiting collection, **69** police officers have award presentations on hold for other reasons, and **98** retired police officers are booked in for next Recognition of Service ceremony.



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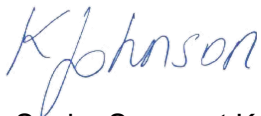
In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log.

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 29 November 2024.

Yours sincerely

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

Senior Sergeant Kelly Johnson
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(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

29 October 2024