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Dear

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:

"In January 2023 SAPOL made a submission to the Late Night Code Review. [LINK: https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/documents/submissions/late-night-code-2023/16.-SAPOL.pdf](https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/documents/submissions/late-night-code-2023/16.-SAPOL.pdf) In this submission there are 10 data sets that I would like to get more information on. These are: Figure 1. Offence by Year in Adelaide (24 hours) Figure 2. Offences by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) Figure 3. Offences by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) Figure 4. Selected Offences against a person by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) Figure 5. Offences by Year and Day in Adelaide (24 hours) Figure 6. Offences by Year and Day in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) Figure 7. Offences linked to Licenced Premises in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) by year1 Figure 8. Offences linked to Licenced Premises in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) by year and hour1 Figure 9. Arrests and Reports where the incident occurred in the suburb of Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00am) Figure 10. Arrests and reports where the incident occurred in the suburb of Adelaide between midnight and 7.00 am by hour To analyse the lockout properly we would need the data sets to go at least 5 years before the lockout started and the latest data too."

Due to the 'living' nature of the data, if the data were re-downloaded to encompass the extended period as requested, it was determined that it would not be possible to reproduce the results contained within the original submission and therefore subsequent data would not be a realistic comparison to the original data provided. The original data reflected a point in time only and due to the evolving nature of the data including late reporting of offences, subsequent



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identification of offenders, removal of any restrictions to occurrence viewing, addition or removal of charges and changes to legislated reporting requirements any re-download of data will reflect the current status only. It would not be possible therefore to supply data from the extended period as an addendum to the original data for the same reason as any analysis may be confounded by unqualified changes to the status of ongoing cases and / or late reporting, rather than realised changes to offending patterns and trends.

On 26 November 2024 one of my staff contacted you to advise that not all the information is readily available that falls within the scope of your request. It was further explained that South Australia Police (SAPOL) has data/information which is readily available, being the original data provided in response to a Review of the Late Night Trade Code of Practice (LNTCOP). You agreed to amend the scope of your request to that data which is readily available. In Consideration of your amended request, SAPOL do not require additional costs to be paid.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents which fall within the scope of your amended request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE		
No.	Document Description	Status
1	Doc 1 - Offences_01Jan2015-31Dec2022	Full Release
2	Doc 2 - ArrestReport_OccurrenceDate_01Jan2019-31Dec2022	

The “10 data sets” were 10 analyses derived from three separate data sets relating to:

1. Offences – PIMS
2. Offences – SHIELD
3. Arrests / Reports - SHIELD

The ‘Offence’ data has been consolidated into a single workbook consisting of two tabs, one containing PIMS data, and the other containing SHIELD data (Doc 1).

The below table gives an explanation of which document contains the data used in each data set.

SAPOL Review Submission Reference	Data location
Figure 1. Offence by Year in Adelaide (24 hours)	Doc 1
Figure 2. Offences by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am)	Doc 1
Figure 3. Offences by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am)	Doc 1
Figure 4. Selected Offences against a person by Year in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am)	Doc 1

Figure 5. Offences by Year and Day in Adelaide (24 hours)	Doc 1
Figure 6. Offences by Year and Day in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am)	Doc 1
Figure 7. Offences linked to Licenced Premises in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) by year	Doc 1
Figure 8. Offences linked to Licenced Premises in Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00 am) by year and hour	Doc 1
Figure 9. Arrests and Reports where the incident occurred in the suburb of Adelaide (between midnight and 7.00am)	Doc 2
Figure 10. Arrests and reports where the incident occurred in the suburb of Adelaide between midnight and 7.00 am by hour	Doc 2

Explanation of the data

The data contained within this report has been classified as per nationally recognised standards from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC); refer Appendix A for a list of included offence types.

Specific offences reported/committed in the suburb of Adelaide

- Offences against the person
- Offences against good order
- Offences against property

Offence data relates to incident date and is offence based (SAPOL level 3 description). The data refers to report times of Police Incident Reports (PIR) and Apprehension Reports (AP). PIR are records of Victim reported crime, whereas APs refer to offender apprehension records (Arrested/Reported). The date of the offence data is based on the incident date and the duplication of offences across PIR/AP is considered negligible due to the linking of PIR's with AP's where possible. Due to a change in SAPOL systems from PIMS to SHIELD, there are two separate Offence data sets to reflect data contained on these two systems.

There may be some overlap, particularly during late 2018/early 2019, however every effort has been made to minimise this.

Offence data has been sourced from two separate data management systems (PIMS and SHIELD) and the two separate sheets in the Offences workbook reflect this. In the PIMS data set, there are two location description columns (LOC Desc and LOCA Desc) and two alcohol columns (ALCO Desc and ALCA Desc) that are not present in the SHIELD data. This is due to differences in report types. The columns denoted with ending in the "A" – i.e. LOCA or ALCA – refer to AP's.

The Licensed Premises data utilise AIR and ADS Stats Classification to extract the information from SHIELD. This is an optional reporting field in SHIELD which includes the option of: last drinks consumed at; occurred on licensed premises; and occurred in the vicinity of a licensed premise.

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Arrest / report data records the offence time where the offence occurred in Adelaide and subsequently resulted in an arrest or report. This is not to be confused with the time that an arrest or report occurred. The data was not able to be categorised into offences against a person, good order or property and is therefore reporting on all crime (e.g. includes traffic offences etc.)

Arrest report data prior to 2019 is not readily available without significant data mapping, due to a change in the SAPOL record management system in November 2018. This resulted in changes to the way arrest/reports were recorded and managed. Previously there was a separation of incident reporting and offender reporting whereby the time/date/location in the data is linked to the time/date/location of arrest and not that incident that resulted in the subsequent arrest / report. Accordingly, the pre-2019 unmapped data was not included in the 2023 SAPOL submission to Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and any information or 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 18 March 2025.

Yours sincerely



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