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Our Ref: 26-1650
Your Ref: 22665797
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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:

“I am seeking the number of missing person reports received by SAPOL year on year from 2020 to now, for children and young people under the guardianship of the Chief Executive. Additionally I am seeking the number for children who were not under the guardianship / or instead an overall number year on year for children reported missing SAPOL.”

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

Missing Persons Reports for Children and Young People under / not under the guardianship of the Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection		
Calendar Year	Guardianship	Non-guardianship
2020	8767	974
2021	8402	967
2022	8243	1115
2023	8407	1113
2024	7074	868
2025	5322	795

Figures current as of 30 November 2025.

Please Note: The above statistics for children young people under the guardianship of the Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection includes absence reports.



Disclosure Log

A disclosure log is published on the SAPOL website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 – Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information and lists documents that have been disclosed in response to a request for access to non-personal information pursuant to the FOI Act. The disclosure log can be found at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/about-us/proactive-disclosure>.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 20 February 2026.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CA', is positioned above the typed name.

Acting Senior Sergeant Christian Ainley
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

20 January 2026