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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:

“All documentation and correspondence related to the proposed audit of Shine SA's public library, which [redacted] from the Licensing Enforcement Branch indicated would be conducted in the week of February 9th 2026”.

On 21 April 2026 I discussed this matter with your office, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to the following:

“Briefing papers related to the proposed audit of Shine SA's public library proposed for the week of February 9th 2026”

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that fall within the scope of your request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23 of the FOI Act. Note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	Commissioners Briefing Paper - Initial	Partial Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted information relates to the personal affairs of third parties other than yourself.



			Clause 9(1)(a) (i) & 9(1)(b)	<p>Some of the information comprises identifying and contact details of senior police officers. If this information were released publicly, including through the SAPOL proactive disclosure log, it could result in members of the public contacting these officers regarding matters outside their area of responsibility or through inappropriate reporting channels. Such contact may cause harassment, interfere with their ability to perform their ordinary duties, or circumvent established reporting processes.</p> <p>I am therefore of the view that the disclosure of this information would be unreasonable, having regard to the need to protect individuals' privacy and personal information.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted information relates to identified risk factors associated with a particular course of action. This information reflects the professional opinion of the author and was provided for the consideration of the Commissioner of Police. At the time the document was created, these views had not been endorsed by the Commissioner and did not represent the final or settled position of SAPOL.</p> <p>In balancing the relevant public interest considerations, I acknowledge the importance of SAPOL operating transparently and proactively releasing information in accordance with the objects and principles of the <i>FOI Act</i>. However, there is also a strong public interest in ensuring that senior police officers are able to engage in frank and candid discussion when assessing risk and determining the most appropriate course of action in the investigation of alleged criminal conduct, without concern that preliminary opinions or untested assessments will be disclosed prematurely.</p>
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			<p>Clause 9(1)(a)(i) & 9(1)(b)</p>	<p>A portion of the redacted information relates to a recommendation concerning a draft press release. At the time the document was created, this information was provided for the consideration of the Commissioner of Police and had not been endorsed or approved as SAPOL's final position or response.</p> <p>While SAPOL seeks to operate in a transparent manner, it is not in the public interest to disclose information that does not represent the agency's final or settled position. Release of draft or unendorsed material may result in confusion or misrepresentation of SAPOL's official position if placed into the public domain.</p>
2	Commissioners Briefing Paper - Media Response	Partial Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The redacted information relates to the personal affairs of third parties other than yourself.</p>
3	Commissioners Briefing Paper Final			<p>Some of the information comprises identifying and contact details of senior police officers. If this information were released publicly, including through the SAPOL proactive disclosure log, it could result in members of the public contacting these officers regarding matters outside their area of responsibility or through inappropriate reporting channels. Such contact may cause harassment, interfere with their ability to perform their ordinary duties, or circumvent established reporting processes.</p> <p>I am therefore of the view that the disclosure of this information would be unreasonable, having regard to the need to protect individuals' privacy and personal information.</p>

CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

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).”

Clause 9(1)(a)(i) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that relates to any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency.”

Clause 9(1)(b) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

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 upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively, an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit or by submitting an online application [SA.GOV.AU - Make a freedom of information request](#). This application must be lodged within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter. The fee of \$43.30 (if applicable) can be paid in person at any South Australian police station or by posting a money order.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of [Premier and Cabinet Circular 45](#) this determination, together with any documents released to you will be published on the [SAPOL Disclosure Log](#). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 22 June 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

19 May 2026