



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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Ms Alison Sandy
560 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive
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Dear Ms Sandy,

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

I refer to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991 in which access was sought to the following information:

"Documents showing how many officers have asked for mental health help through the SAPOL Employee Assistance program – and how many are currently off work on "stress" or "mental health" leave. Please limit to last financial year (2017/18) and the previous financial year (2016/17). Please also provide briefings and attachments and reports relating to police suffering PTSD."

In relation to the following part of your request:

"Documents showing how many officers have asked for mental health help through the SAPOL Employee Assistance program ... Please limit to last financial year (2017/18) and the previous financial year (2016/17).."

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that are associated with the wording of your FOI application. 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	Act	Reason
1	Work Health Safety and Injury Management Report dated August 2018	Full Release		A portion of the text has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it does not fall within the scope of your request.

In relation to the following part of your request:

“... – and how many are currently off work on “stress” or “mental health” leave. ...”

It is determined to **release in full** the number of SAPOL employees who are fully absent from work due to a psychological work cover claim as of 15 August 2018. That number is 31.

In relation to the following part of your request:

“...Please also provide briefings and attachments and reports relating to police suffering PTSD.”

Any individual SAPOL member who may be suffering PTSD would have that information contained within a confidential medical file. It is determined not to release any information relating to your request pursuant to 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).”

This decision is based on the following facts:

- The requested information concerns the personal affairs of a third party. The disclosure of such is considered to be unreasonable.
- To locate any documents that may fall within the scope of your request would involve the searching of SAPOL personal and confidential medical files. I have formed the opinion that this is also unreasonable.

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 <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **29 October 2018**.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, 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 available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$35.00. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,


Sergeant Paul Friend
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

4th October 2018

South Australia Police

Work Health Safety & Injury Management Report

AUGUST 2018

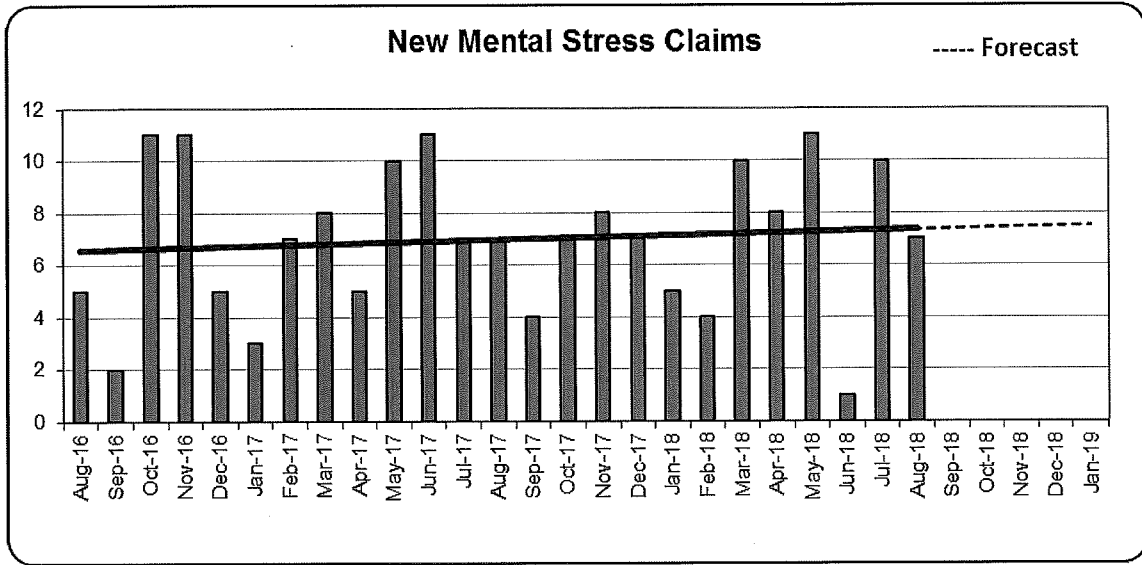
SAPOL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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NEW MENTAL STRESS CLAIMS



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