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Dear Mr Odenwalder

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:

"Number of charges laid, for each of the last five financial years, for offenders allegedly committing any assault on a police officer in which the victim comes into contact with the offenders biological material (spitting etc.). From 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2021"

On 9 September 2020 I telephoned your office and spoke with [REDACTED] in a bid to clarify the scope of your request. On 13 September 2021 in an email [REDACTED] confirmed the following narrowed scope:

"Data showing monthly figures of how many times a blood test were carried out as per 20B(1) of the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Act, as a proportion of "prescribed serious offences" as per 20B(1)(a) and (b). From 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2021. And how many of those people charged in those categories had their blood tested and how many didn't"

In relation to the following part of your request:

"Data showing monthly figures of how many times a blood test were carried out as per 20B(1) of the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Act, as a proportion of "prescribed serious offences" as per 20B (1)9a) and (b). From 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2021..."

It is determined to **release in full** the statistical data of how many blood tests were conducted as per 20(B)(1) of the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Act from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021. The data has been presented in the table below and was correct as at 23 September 2021.

NUMBER OF OFFENCES BY CALENDAR YEAR	MONTH OF YEAR												Total
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
2016							0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	2	3	13
2018	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	8
2019	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	10
2020	0	0	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	15
2021	0	0	1	0	0	3							4
Total	1	1	6	4	3	7	1	4	3	7	6	7	50

In relation to the following part of your request:

"...And how many of those people charged in those categories had their blood tests and how many didn't."

It is determined between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021 forty six (46) blood tests were conducted with four (4) blood tests not conducted. This data was correct as at 23 September 2021.

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-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 24 October 2021.

Yours sincerely



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