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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:

“Creation of a document listing the number of times an Electronic Control Device (ECD) has been drawn and the number of times they have been discharged by SA Police officers (in operational use) for the years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23. Essentially I would like an updated version of this document previously released by SAPOL: https://www.police.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1022030/SAPOL-FOI-Determination-Network-10-Ref-21-1840.pdf”

SAPOL provide the below information in response to your request and agree to **release the information in full**.

ECD BREAKDOWN BY USE TYPE & FINANCIAL YEAR

FIN. YEAR ⁽¹⁾	ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE	DISPLAY ONLY & NOT USED	LASER PAINTED, NOT DEPLOYED	DEPLOYED (ECD ⁽²⁾ fired)	DEPLOYED (Drive Stun)	DEPLOYED (ECD ⁽²⁾ fired & drive stun)	TOTAL
20-21	1	114	141	65	8	2	331
21-22	2	98	185	95	3	5	388
22-23	0	67	166	85	2	1	321
TOTAL	3	279	492	245	13	8	1040

¹The “counting rules” for all data used in the provision of information is based upon the date the report is received at the Ethical and Professional Standards Branch. The information is provided by Financial Year.

²ECD is the abbreviation for Electronic Control Device and is the standard term used by SAPOL to describe the device commonly known as a Taser. Taser is a trademark brand name and only refers to ECD’s produced by TASER international.



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 8 January 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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