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In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

*“Documents related to administrative orders or “Admin Orders”. Please provide figures on the number of administrative orders issued over the past five years and for what type of allegation. Also provide data on: 1. How many current orders are in place 2. When was the oldest Admin Order put in place 3. How often are Admin Orders reviewed to test their relevancy 4. How many breaches of Admin Orders have been proven 5. What are the outstanding matters that the current Admin Order relate too [sic] - i.e. the nature of the allegations 6. Are Admin Orders automatically reviewed and by whom 7. How many officers are placed on Admin Orders, where they were later found to have done nothing wrong or had further action taken down the track 8. What is the longest time period an officer has been on an Admin Order for before it was lifted or allegations proven Please include any Commissioner’s Reports over the past 12 months”*

*Date range 01/01/2024 to 07/04/2026*

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

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“Please provide figures on the number of administrative orders issued over the past five years and for what type of allegation.*

In the past five years, SAPOL’s Ethical and Professional Standards Branch has issued a total of 198 administrative orders. This total includes orders issued to sworn police officers (administrative orders) and to non-sworn employees, the latter being issued as managerial directions.



Administrative orders commonly arise in connection with allegations of criminal conduct (including matters such as assault or abuse of public office) and alleged breaches of the SAPOL Code of Conduct. These include, but are not limited to, issues relating to the performance of orders or duties, conduct prejudicial to SAPOL, conduct towards members of the public or other SAPOL employees, conflicts of interest, confidentiality of information, and the proper exercise of authority.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“1. How many current orders are in place”*

There are currently 26 administrative orders in effect. This total includes orders issued to sworn police officers (administrative orders) and to non-sworn employees, the latter being issued as managerial directions.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“2. When was the oldest Admin Order put in place”*

The oldest administrative order that is still active is an administrative order issued in May 2022.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“3. How often are Admin Orders reviewed to test their relevancy”*

All administrative orders are subject to monthly review by SAPOL’s Ethical and Professional Standards Branch. These reviews are undertaken to ensure that each administrative order, including its specific clauses, conditions and restrictions, remains necessary, proportionate and properly justified for the purpose of maintaining integrity, ensuring good conduct, and upholding public confidence. In addition to the routine monthly review cycle, an affected employee may request a review of their administrative order at any time by making an application to the Officer in Charge of the Ethical and Professional Standards Branch.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“4. How many breaches of Admin Orders have been proven”*

The number of proven breaches of administrative orders is not information that can be readily or reliably extracted from existing systems. As such it is deemed that **no documents** are held for this part of your request.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“5. What are the outstanding matters that the current Admin Order relate too [sic] - i.e. the nature of the allegations”*

It can be advised in general terms that current administrative orders commonly arise in connection with allegations of criminal conduct (including matters such as assault or abuse of public office) and alleged breaches of the SAPOL Code of Conduct. These include, but are not limited to, issues relating to the performance of orders or duties, conduct prejudicial to SAPOL, conduct towards members of the public or other SAPOL employees, conflicts of interest, confidentiality of information, and the proper exercise of authority.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“6. Are Admin Orders automatically reviewed and by whom”*

An answer to this part has been given above in response to “3. How often are admin orders reviewed...”

**In relation to these parts of your request:**

*“7. How many officers are placed on Admin Orders, where they were later found to have done nothing wrong or had further action taken down the track “*

*“8. What is the longest time period an officer has been on an Admin Order for before it was lifted or allegations proven”*

Information relating to these questions cannot be readily or reliably extracted from existing systems. As such it is deemed that **no documents** are held for these parts of your request.

**In relation to this part of your request:**

*“Please include any Commissioner's Reports over the past 12 months”*

**No documents** are held for this part of your request.

**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 6 June 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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