



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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Dear Ms Sandy

Re: Application for access to South Australia Police (SAPOL) records

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

"I am seeking access to documents, specifically reports, executive briefings and attachments, executive meeting minutes, internal correspondence such as emails relating to drone use, procurement of drones and their related cost, since 1 January, 2018 to the date of this application. Please include documents relating to the handling of my previous application for this same material (SAPOL Ref 20-1017). Please exclude duplicates, documents that have been publicly released, media statements/reports/articles and correspondence with media. Please note I confirm I am happy to accept edited copies of documents with exempt material redacted. However, I do not consent to documents being deemed irrelevant without consultation...."

On 4 February 2020, I had a telephone conversation regarding the scope of your request. On the same day I emailed a suggested revised scope to seeking data relating to the use of the SAPOL Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (DRONES) between 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2020. You also requested all documents contained within the file 20-1017 both pre and post the decision to refuse your application.

On 4 February 2020 you replied via email stating, "Yes, that's correct for both. Please proceed on this basis".

In relation to this part of your request:

"..to seeking data relating to the use of the SAPOL Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (DRONES) between 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2020...."



It is determined to **release in full** the number of SAPOL Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (DRONES) between 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2020. This data is contained within the table below and was correct as at 6 February 2020.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft System Deployments	2017-18 (1/1/18-30/6/18)	2018-19 (1/7/18-30/6/19)	2019-20 (1/7/2019-2/12/19)
Photography	14	27	14
Search and Rescue	4	9	3
Other –(Tactical Support)	0	3	2

In relation to this part of your request:

“...All documents contained within the file 20-1017 both pre and post the decision to refuse my application.”

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. In particular, 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.	Email chain last from SAPOL:Media Section dated 29 January 2020 <i>“Re: SAPOL FOI Determination – SAPOL Ref 20-1017”</i> consisting of 4 pages	Full Release		
2.	Email chain last from Sandy, Alison dated 28 January 2020 <i>“Re: SAPOL FOI Determination – SAPOL Ref 20-1017”</i> consisting of 3 pages			
3.	Email from SAPOL:MLO ESB dated 23 January 2020 <i>“Re: SAPOL initiated – MLO 0085/20 FOI Determination letter – Seven Network”</i> consisting of 1 page			
4.	Minutes forming enclosure to Hon Minister for Police dated 23 January 2020 consisting of 1 page			

5.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 3 January 2020 consisting of 2 pages			
6.	Email from SAPOL:Freedom of Information Unit dated 22 January 2020 " <i>Copies of FOI Determinations – Seven Network 20/1017 & Odenwalder – 20/0905</i> " consisting of 1 page			
7.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 3 January 2020 consisting of 2 pages			
8.	Commissioners Briefing Paper dated 9 January 2020 consisting of 3 pages			
9.	Email chain last from Lian Froude dated 9 January 2020 " <i>FW: FYI Ch 7 story - FOI</i> " consisting of 5 pages	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The definition of 'personal affairs' found at Part 4 of the FOI Act 1991, which is not an exhaustive list, was considered and the view formed was that the redacted text within the documents is exempt as it is the personal affairs of third parties, not being Ms Alison Sandy. The exempt personal affairs on the document include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Names</i> • <i>Email addresses</i> • <i>Personal telephone numbers.</i> <p>I am of the view, in all of the circumstances, that disclosure of such information is unreasonable.</p>
10.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 20 December 2019 consisting of 2 pages	Full Release		
11.	Email chain last from Tracy Gentgall dated 7 January 2020 " <i>FW: Estimated Charges 20-1017</i> " consisting of 2 pages			
12.	Email chain last from Alison Sandy dated 8 January 2020 " <i>Re: Estimated Charges 20-1017</i> " consisting of 3 pages			

13.	Email chain last from Alison Sandy dated 8 January 2020 "Re: <i>Estimated Charges 20-1017</i> " consisting of 3 pages			
14.	Computer screen shot printout of email search consisting of 2 pages			
15.	Forwarding Minute PD128 dated 9 January 2020 "Freedom of Information FOI 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			
16.	Email from SAPOL: Freedom of Information Unit dated 24 January 2020 "SAPOL FOI Determination – SAPOL ref 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			
17.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 3 January 2020 consisting of 2 pages			
18.	Email from SAPOL: Freedom of Information Unit dated 20 December 2019 "Estimated Charges 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			
19.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 20 December 2019 consisting of 2 pages			
20.	Email chain last from Alison Sandy dated 20 December 2019 "Re: FOI Section 18 letter 20-1017" consisting of 2 pages			
21.	Email from SAPOL: Freedom of Information Unit dated 20 December 2019 "FOI Section 18 Letter 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			
22.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 20 December 2019 consisting of 2 pages			
23.	Email from SAPOL: Freedom of Information Unit dated 20 December 2019 "FOI Extension 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			

24.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 20 December 2019 consisting of 2 pages			
25.	Email from SAPOL: Freedom of Information Unit dated 3 December 2019 "FOI Acknowledgement letter 20-1017" consisting of 1 page			
26.	SAPOL Letter to Ms Alison Sandy dated 3 December 2019 consisting of 1 page			
27.	Email from no-reply@forms.sa.gov.au dated 2 December 2019 "Application under Freedom of Information Act 1991 – FOI Application Receipt number 7713076" consisting of 2 pages			

CLAUSE 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)."

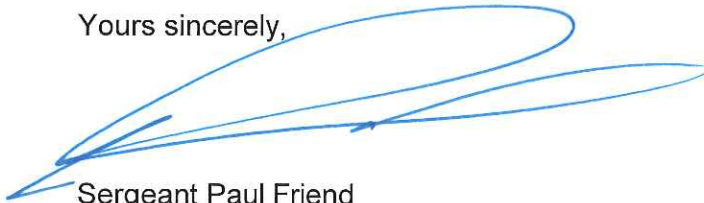
In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **6 April 2020**.

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 (available upon request at your nearest police station) or 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 \$36.75. 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)

12th March 2020