



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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Dear Mr Wood

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

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

"Are you able to provide a breakdown of how many times tasers have been discharged and or drawn by SA Police Officers between July 2016 and July 2020? In addition how many times an officer has drawn or fired their handguns during the same period. Can you also provide up to four examples of new body worn/taser cctv/ video footage of a taser being discharged and hitting an offender? I confirm I consent to being provided edited copies of documents/footage with personal information such as names"

On 26 March 2021 in an email to Sergeant Sandra Watson, [REDACTED] clarified the scope of the application to seeking access to:

"Statistical data on how many times tasers have been discharged and or drawn by SA Police Officers, how many times an officer has drawn or fired their firearm. Time period financial years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. A random selection of four (4) AV materials of tasers being drawn and discharged. I consent to being provided with edited copies of AV containing personal affairs (Image /sounds) of third parties."

On 6 May 2021 I spoke with you regarding the scope of the AV material. In an email on the same date you confirmed "AV material from 2021 can be considered."

In relation to the following part of your request:

"Statistical data on how many times tasers have been discharged and or drawn by SA Police Officers... Time period financial years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020..."

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within this part of your request and has been presented in tables below and was correct as at 20 May 2021.

Total ECD uses (drawn & discharged) by Financial Year			
Financial Year	ECD Drawn only	ECD Discharge (Operational)	Total ECD Uses
2016/ 17	148	41	189
2017 / 18	179	53	232
2018 / 19	240	54	294
2019 / 20	276	68	344

Please note South Australia Police (SAPOL) utilise the terminology of Electronic Control Advice (ECD). "Taser" is only one (1) specific brand of ECD's. It should be noted data provided is by the date the involved officer submitted the report of ECD use.

In relation to the following part of your request:

"...Statistical data... how many times an officer has drawn or fired their firearm. Time period financial years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020..."

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within this part of your request and has been presented in tables below and was correct as at 20 May 2021.

Total Handgun uses (drawn & fired) by Financial Year			
Financial Year	Handgun Drawn only	Handgun Fired (Operational)	Total Handgun Uses
2016/ 17	123	2	125
2017 / 18	124	0	124
2018 / 19	93	5	98
2019 / 20	94	0	94

It should be noted data provided is by the date the involved officer submitted the report of firearm use.

In relation to the following part of your request:

"...A random selection of four (4) AV materials of tasers being drawn and discharged. I consent to being provided with edited copies of AV containing personal affairs (Image /sounds) of third parties. AV material from 2021 can be considered."

South Australia Police (SAPOL) located documents fall within the scope of your request. 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	Audio Visual recording Reference U2019-1353	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted image and sound is the personal affairs of a third party other than Mr Woods. I am of the view, in all of the circumstances, that disclosure of such information is unreasonable.
2	Audio Visual recording Reference U2021-0282	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted image and sound are the personal affairs of a third party other than Mr Woods. I am of the view, in all of the circumstances, that disclosure of such information is unreasonable.
3	Audio Visual recording Reference U2021-0274	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted image and sound are the personal affairs of a third party other than Mr Woods. I am of the view, in all of the circumstances, that disclosure of such information is unreasonable.
4	Audio Visual recording Reference U2021-0456	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted image is the personal affairs of a third party other than Mr Woods. I am of the view, in all of the circumstances, that disclosure of such information is unreasonable.
CLAUSE FOR REFUSAL				
Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:				
<i>"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)."</i>				

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 **10 June 2021**.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination 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 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$37.50 if applicable

Yours sincerely,



Sergeant Sandra Watson
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

9 June 2021.