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Our Ref: 26-2106
Your Ref: 22907387
Telephone: 8207 5555



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:

"I seek access to documents held by South Australia Police relating to FOI requests that were referred to SAPOL investigators by other South Australian government agencies or public authorities for assessment, investigation, or action (Including the SAPOL FOI Unit). 1. The number of FOI requests referred to SAPOL by another agency or department. 2. The name of the referring agency or department for each referral, or a statistical breakdown by agency. 3. The reasons recorded for each referral (for example, alleged misuse of the FOI process, harassment concerns, security concerns. 4. The outcomes of these referrals. 5. The number of referrals that resulted in direct contact with the FOI applicant and the relevant district or section that attended." – Date range 1 March 2022 to 31 January 2026.

In relation to the following part of your request:

"I seek access to documents held by South Australia Police relating to FOI requests that were referred to SAPOL investigators by other South Australian government agencies or public authorities for assessment, investigation, or action (Including the SAPOL FOI Unit)."

South Australia Police (SAPOL) FOI Unit receives requests from external agencies in two ways.

The first is by way of transferred FOI applications. As these applications are recorded under the applicant's name and not the referring agency, SAPOL cannot report on the number of transferred applications and therefore holds **no documents** relevant to this part of your request.

The second involves consultation requests from other government agencies regarding documents relating to SAPOL activities. The results of these consultations are included below.

In relation to the following part of your request:

- 1. The number of FOI requests referred to SAPOL by another agency or department.*
- 2. The name of the referring agency or department for each referral, or a statistical breakdown by agency.*

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SAPOL has located data that falls within the scope of your request. A determination has been made to **release this data in full**.

Agency	No. of Applications
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission	4
Adelaide Hills Council	1
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency	1
Attorney General's Department	14
Australian Federal Police	3
Australian Transport Safety Bureau	1
Country Fire Service	1
City of Adelaide	2
City of Holdfast Bay	1
City of Marion	1
City of Mount Barker	1
City of Mount Gambier	1
City of PORT ADELAIDE ENFIELD	1
City of Salisbury	1
City of Tea Tree Gully	2
City of Unley	1
Courts Administration Authority	4
Department for Child Protection	1
Department for Correctional Services	33
Department for Education	1
Department for Energy and Mining	3
Department for Environment and Water	1
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	3
Department of Government Services	1
Department of Home Affairs	4
Department of Human Services	52
Department of Regional NSW	1
Department of The Premier and Cabinet	2
Department of Treasury and Finance	5
Director of Public Prosecutions	2
Hills And Fleurieu Landscape Board	1
Information And Privacy Commission NSW	1
Legal Services Commission	1
National Indigenous Australians Agency	1
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	2
Office of Minister of Police	1
Office of The Australian Information Commissioner	1
Renewal SA	1
SA Health	12
SA Housing	9
SA Water	2
SA Ambulance Service	6
Tafe SA	2
Teachers Registration Board SA	1
Victoria Police	2
Total	192

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Please note:

SAPOL FOI computerised records date back to 1 July 2022, therefore no data is available between 1 March 2022 and 30 June 2022.

In relation to the following part of your request:

3. The reasons recorded for each referral (for example, alleged misuse of the FOI process, harassment concerns, security concerns.

4. The outcomes of these referrals.

All consultations from other agencies concern documents relating to SAPOL activities. These consultations are undertaken to allow SAPOL the opportunity to object to the release of documents, or parts thereof, by claiming an exemption under section 20(1) of the *FOI Act*, in accordance with section 21(2).

In each case, referrals to the SAPOL FOI Unit result in a written response to the referring agency advising of any exemptions claimed under those provisions.

In relation to the following part of your request:

5. The number of referrals that resulted in direct contact with the FOI applicant and the relevant district or section that attended.”

All consultations from other government agencies to SAPOL FOI unit relate to SAPOL documents, there is no need to contact the applicants directly. SAPOL therefore holds **no documents** in relation to this part of your request.

Disclosure Log

A disclosure log is published on the SAPOL website in accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045. Disclosure logs for non-personal information released through Freedom of Information list documents that have been disclosed in response to requests for access to non-personal information pursuant to the FOI Act. The disclosure log can be found at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/about-us/proactive-disclosure>.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 11 March 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Senior Sergeant Christian Ainley
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

11 February 2026