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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:

*"I seek a copy of the complete 'General Orders for Intervention Orders'. I understand that there are approximately 42 pages for this set of General Orders. I seek the four copies of a PD570 form. I also seek a copy of the General Orders for 'Search and Seizures' by SAPOL Officers."*

In response to our Section 13 letter dated 26 July 2023, you further stated the following:

*"I did not ask for completed PD-570's, I want the empty forms, there are 4 leafs for each one. There have been updates to PD-570 forms, I request ALL. They are on Pro-Forma. All updates since 6/9/2011*

*I did not request any completed Interim Intervention Orders in my name*

*I request a copy of the current General Orders for Intervention Orders (Restraining) that existed on 17 May 2020 and ALL updates since*

*I want a copy of ALL General Orders for Search/Seizures that existed on 8 July 2020 and updates since"*

**In relation to your request for:**

*"I seek a copy of the complete 'General Orders for Intervention Orders'."*

and

*"I request a copy of the current General Orders for Intervention Orders (Restraining) that existed on 17 May 2020 and ALL updates since"*



South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that 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. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

<b>SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1	Current GO Interventions, Restraining Orders	Partial Release	4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(a)(iv) 4(2)(b)	A portion of the redacted text relates to operational methodology that is not in the public interest to be disclosed and would create a real risk of undermining public safety in the area of domestic violence if it were to be released. It is in the public interest to ensure police methodology is protected to safeguard offenders from avoiding detection or charges as a result of modifying their actions based upon their knowledge of police procedure.
			4(2)(a)(vi) 4(2)(b)	A portion of the redacted text contains email addresses which are not available to the public and are critical to the internal processing of information concerning matters related to domestic abuse and public safety. Revealing these email addresses creates a security risk for the agency and members of the public with the potential for the email addresses to be used in phishing attacks or for other cyber-crimes where user credentials are harvested under the pretence of being a reliable email. Such attacks could result in public information being obtained for illegitimate purposes and on balance are contrary to the public interest.
			6(1)	A portion of the redacted text exposes the names of people who would otherwise not be known by the public to be associated with the information disclosed. Revealing their names could unreasonably infer they hold certain views in relation to the content and/or are responsible for an undesirable outcome resulting from the information documented.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
				I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect privacy and personal information and given the lack of consent to have their names disclosed.
2	25 Sep 2019 GO Interventions, Restraining Orders	Partial Release	4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(a)(iv) 4(2)(b)  4(2)(a)(vi) 4(2)(b)  6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates to operational methodology that is not in the public interest to be disclosed and would create a real risk of undermining public safety in the area of domestic violence if it were to be released. It is in the public interest to ensure police methodology is protected to safeguard offenders from avoiding detection or charges as a result of modifying their actions based upon their knowledge of police procedure.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text contains email addresses which are not available to the public and are critical to the internal processing of information concerning matters related to domestic abuse and public safety. Revealing these email addresses creates a security risk for the agency and members of the public with the potential for the email addresses to be used in phishing attacks or for other cyber-crimes where user credentials are harvested under the pretence of being a reliable email. Such attacks could result in public information being obtained for illegitimate purposes and on balance are contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text exposes the names of people who would otherwise not be known by the public to be associated with the information disclosed. Revealing their names could unreasonably infer they hold certain views in relation to the content and/or are responsible for an undesirable outcome resulting from the information documented.</p>

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<b>CLAUSE FOR REFUSAL</b>				
<p>Clause 4(2)(a)(iii), 4(2)(a)(iv), 4(2)(a)(vi) &amp; 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:</p> <p><i>“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law (including any revenue law); or to prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of any lawful method or procedure for protecting public safety; or to prejudice any system or procedure for the protection of persons or property; and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”</i></p> <p>Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:</p> <p><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></p>				

**In relation to your request for:**

*“I seek the four copies of a PD570 form.”*

and

*“I did not ask for completed PD-570’s, I want the empty forms, there are 4 leafs for each one. There have been updates to PD-570 forms, I request ALL. They are on Pro-Forma. All updates since 6/9/2011”*

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No.	Document Description	Status
3	Current Version PD570 - 2019	Full Release
4	Old Version PD570 - 2011	Full Release

**In relation to your request for:**

*"I also seek a copy of the General Orders for 'Search and Seizures' by SAPOL Officers."*

and

*"I want a copy of ALL General Orders for Search/Seizures that existed on 8 July 2020 and updates since"*

There are a significant number of documents held by the agency that contain a reference to some form of searching and/or seizure of property, however SAPOL does not hold any specific General Order for 'Search and Seizures'.

**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 \$40.75, if applicable.

Yours sincerely



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(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

14 September 2023