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Our Ref: 26-1721
Your Ref: 22706074
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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:

“Documents, specifically ministerial briefings/executive briefings, correspondence including emails, reports, powerpoint presentations, and reviews relating to one or more of the following: 1. The number of people in SA with licences for more than one gun. 2. The number of people in Greater Adelaide area with licences for more than one gun. 3. Re. point 2, a suburban breakdown of the number of people with licenses for more than one gun. Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released and media releases/statements/reports. If the same information exists in executive and ministerial briefings, please limit to just ministerial briefing notes and attachments. Please exclude drafts unless a final copy doesn’t exist and, in that case, please limit to the final draft. Please limit searches to the Police Commissioner and the officer-in-charge of the area which oversees gun licences. Please note, I do not consent to documents being deemed irrelevant without consultation. However, I do consent to being provided edited copies of documents with exempt material redacted.” Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released and media releases/statements/reports. If the same information exists in executive and ministerial briefings, please limit to just ministerial briefing notes and attachments. Please exclude drafts unless a final copy doesn’t exist and, in that case, please limit to the final draft. Please note, I do not consent to documents being deemed irrelevant without consultation. However, I do consent to being provided edited copies of documents with exempt material redacted.”

In relation to this part of your request:

- 1. The number of people in SA with licences for more than one gun. 2. The number of people in Greater Adelaide area with licences for more than one gun.*

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

SA Gun Ownership	Number
The number of people in SA with licences for more than one gun	45,441
The number of people in Greater Adelaide area with licences for more than one gun	15,523

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In relation to this part of your request:

3. Re. point 2, a suburban breakdown of the number of people with licenses for more than one gun.

It is determined to **refuse access** to this information on the following basis:

Clause 4(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any person.”

Clause 4(2)(a)(v) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the security of any building, structure or vehicle.”

Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

Because some suburbs are relatively small and residents often have local knowledge, releasing data on the number of people with multiple firearms in specific suburbs could expose individuals to a heightened risk of crime, compromising their personal safety and home security.

While transparency and public access to information are important, these considerations must be balanced against the need to protect individuals and the broader community. In my view, the public expectation to safeguard personal safety and property outweighs the need to disclose these specific details.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and any documents or information 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-Logs.pdf.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 5 February 2026.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

31 December 2025