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Dear Ms Franks

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:

*“Information on how many charges for sex work offences have been laid for the 2021/22 period. Of the charges laid, please provide a breakdown of offence type.
The number of sex work related offences that have been finalised through police negotiations or by police withdrawing charges for the 2021/22 period.
How many times SAPOL used its power to enter brothels under Section 32 of the Summary Offences Act for the 2021/22 period.”*

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located information that falls within the scope of your request and have determined to **release in full** the information as detailed below.

In relation to this part of your request:

“Information on how many charges for sex work offences have been laid for the 2021/22 period. Of the charges laid, please provide a breakdown of offence type.”

During 2021-22 five offences detected had charges laid by police in Court.

Offences	2021/2022 FY
Keep Brothel	3
Receive Money in Paid Brothel	2
TOTAL	5



In relation to this part of your request:

"The number of sex work related offences that have been finalised through police negotiations or by police withdrawing charges for the 2021/22 period."

None. All 5 subject offences [3 defendants, 5 offences] were proved, with the defendants being found guilty and sentenced by the Court.

In relation to this part of your request:

"How many times SAPOL used its power to enter brothels under Section 32 of the Summary Offences Act for the 2021/22 period."

During 2021-22 LEB investigators utilised their authority under section 32 of the Summary Offences Act to enter and search premises suspected on reasonable grounds to be a brothel on 30 occasions.

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 21 April 2023.

Yours sincerely



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