



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
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Our Ref: 20/2015  
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Dear Ms Sandy

**Re: Application for access to South Australia Police (SAPOL) records**

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

*"I am seeking access to documents, specifically de-identified compensation claims by police officers since 1 May, 2019 to the date of this application. As per previous years, I am happy to be provided the information in a report format, with the following parameters:- Injury date – Accepted/Denied claim status – Physical/psychological injury type – injury mechanism description – Claim cost. Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released, media statements/reports/articles and correspondence with media."*

In our email of 25 June 2020 you were advised that Work Health Safety and Injury Management Reports, as previously disclosed in our determination dated 31 October 2015 (SAPOL FOI File number 19/0607), have not been created for the time frame specified in the scope of your application.

It is determined to **release in full** statistical data that falls within the scope of your request. The data has been presented in tables below.

**NUMBER OF PHYSICAL CLAIMS BY MONTH & MECHANISM**

Mechanism	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	TOTAL
Falls, Trips & Slips of a Person	3	3	5	3	3	4	2	1	4	4	4	1	1	38
Hitting Objects with a Part of the Body	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	14
Being Hit by Moving Objects	3	1	2	4	5	7	3	0	9	7	5	3	4	53
Sound & Pressure	2	1	5	1	3	1	3	2	2	7	2	1	1	31
Body Stressing	9	11	6	10	5	7	9	10	10	13	7	8	10	115
Heat, Electricity & Other Environmental Factors	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chemicals & Other Substances	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Biological Factors	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Vehicle Incidents & Other	4	5	2	6	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>286</b>

**NUMBER OF PSYCHOLOGICAL CLAIMS BY MONTH & CAUSATION**

Causation	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	TOTAL
Exposure to a traumatic event	4	2	4	1	2	1	3	5	0	2	0	1	2	22
Exposure to workplace or occupational violence	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	6
Suicide or attempted suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Work pressure	5	6	8	6	8	6	10	0	5	8	4	1	7	79
Work related harassment and/or workplace bullying	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>119</b>

**STATUS OF CLAIMS (as of 31/05/2020)**

Claim Status	Number
Claim Closed	90
Claim Open	305
Claim Reopened	10

**DETERMINATION STATUS OF CLAIMS (as of 31/05/2020)**

Determination Status	Number
Accepted Income support (EBAIS)	2
Accepted Medical and Income Support (EBAMEIS)	7
Accepted Medical Expenses (EBAME)	3
Claim Rejected	22
Disability Accepted, Hearing Loss Claim	5
Disability Accepted, Incapacity Accepted For Closed Period	1
Injury Accepted, Accept Ongoing Incapacity	156
Injury Accepted, Hearing Loss Claim	7
Injury Accepted, Incapacity Accepted For Closed Period	108
Injury Accepted, Medical Expenses Only	41
Interim payments Accepted	13
Interim Payments Offered	16
Pending (EBP)	5
Rejected (EBR)	10
Undetermined	8
Withdrawn	1

**COST OF CLAIMS (as of 31/05/2020)**


Month	Amount
May 2019	\$1,186,474
June 2019	\$1,205,439
July 2019	\$1,388,523
August 2019	\$1,206,122
September 2019	\$1,433,731
October 2019	\$1,452,878
November 2019	\$1,317,289
December 2019	\$1,910,357
January 2020	\$1,827,285
February 2020	\$1,268,924
March 2020	\$2,015,606
April 2020	\$2,029,948
May 2020	\$1,328,250

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](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 31 August 2020.

#### Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, 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 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$36.75. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,

  
Senior Sergeant, First Class Tracy Gentgall  
Officer in Charge  
**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

28 July 2020

