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Dear Mr Pangallo

Re: Freedom of Information (FOI) Act application

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

"Any South Australia Police (SAPOL) documents that report the suicides of SAPOL staff since 1980: - Sworn and unsworn – Servicing or past – and, if reported before, during or after an internal misconduct allegation or investigation."

On 7 September 2020 I spoke with [REDACTED] of your office who narrowed the scope of your application to seeking access to statistics relating to suicides of SAPOL staff since 1980.

It is determined that there have been 12 (twelve) serving South Australia Police (SAPOL) officers suicide since 2000. One (1) death is known to relate to a retired SAPOL officer. One (1) death is still subject to an active Coroners investigation and of the remaining 11 (eleven) there are no finalised coronial investigations which directly link the deaths to any disciplinary proceedings. It should be noted that SAPOL is unable to provide data pre 2000 or relating to retired and non-sworn SAPOL employees. This information was correct as at 11 August 2020.

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 <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **7 October 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 \$37.50. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Gentgall', is written over the printed name.

Senior Sergeant First Class Tracy Gentgall
Officer in Charge

Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

7 September 2020