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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:

The total number of times a taser has been used by SAPOL from 1 January 2008 to 30 September 2023; and a breakdown of whether they were involved in:

- a) accidental discharge*
- b) displayed only and not used*
- c) laser painted and not deployed*
- d) deployed ECD fired*
- e) deployed (drive stun)*
- f) deployed (ECD fired & drive stun)*

SAPOL provide the below information in response to your request and agree to **release the information in full**. Please note the following:

- (1) The “counting rules” for all data used in the provision of information is based upon the date the report is received at the Ethical and Professional Standards Branch. The information is provided by Financial Year.
- (2) ECD is the abbreviation for Electronic Control Device and is the standard term used by SAPOL to describe the device commonly known as a Taser. Taser is a trademark brand name and only refers to ECD’s produced by TASER international.



ECD BREAKDOWN BY USE TYPE FOR FINANCIAL YEARS – 2008/2009 TO 2022/2023

FIN. YEAR ⁽¹⁾	ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE	DISPLAY ONLY & NOT USED	LASER PAINTED, NOT DEPLOYED	DEPLOYED (ECD ⁽²⁾ fired)	DEPLOYED (Drive Stun)	DEPLOYED (ECD ⁽²⁾ fired & drive stun)	TOTAL
08-09	1	5	4	4	1	0	15
09-10	4	13	10	5	1	0	33
10-11	14	17	27	15	0	0	73
11-12	12	29	23	10	0	0	74
12-13	15	53	47	18	1	0	134
13-14	15	31	30	17	0	0	93
14-15	12	53	42	19	0	1	127
15-16	5	48	89	25	0	0	167
16-17	21	71	77	41	0	0	210
17-18	24	63	105	52	0	1	245
18-19	9	84	157	45	4	3	302
19-20	1	86	157	64	2	1	311
20-21	1	114	141	65	8	2	331
21-22	2	98	185	95	3	5	388
22-23	0	67	166	85	2	1	321
TOTAL	136	832	1260	560	22	14	2824

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 22 December 2023.

Yours sincerely



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 (Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

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