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Our Ref: 26-3075
Your Ref: 23387016
Telephone: 8207 5555



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:

*“A table of the total number of formal complaints made to SAPOL against Police Officers, Community Constables, Police Cadets, and Police Security Officers each quarter”.
Date range 01/01/2023 to 29/04/2026*

On 1 May 2026 this scope was clarified by your office to be:

“A table of the total number of formal complaints made to SAPOL against Police Officers, Community Constables, Police Cadets, and Police Security Officers each quarter excluding duplicated complaints” Date range 01/01/23 to 29/04/2026”

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.**

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Formal Complaints Against Designated Officers*				
Financial Year (FY)	FY Qtr	Complaint Type		FY Total
		Internal Complaints	External Complaints	
FY 2022/23	Q3	186	413	599
	Q4	163	406	569
FY 2023/24	Q1	149	396	545
	Q2	129	410	539
	Q3	156	443	599
	Q4	162	394	556
FY 2024/25	Q1	187	463	650
	Q2	200	562	762
	Q3	225	534	759
	Q4	224	465	689
FY 2025/26	Q1	196	452	648
	Q2	161	434	595
	Q3	227	402	629
	Q4	54	102	156
Grand Total		2419	5876	8295

* *designated officer means a person who is— (a) a member of SA Police; or (b) a police cadet; or (c) a special constable; or (d) a police security officer;*

Please Note

The above statistics are current as of 17 May 2026

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of [Premier and Cabinet Circular 45](#) this determination, together with any documents released to you will be published on the [SAPOL Disclosure Log](#). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 22 June 2026.

Yours sincerely

Senior Sergeant Christian Ainley
Freedom of Information Unit
 (Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

18 May 2026