



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
**SAFER COMMUNITIES**



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Dear 

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

*“Documents related to maintenance schedules at the Fort Largs Police Academy including, but not limited to, repairs to the firing range, ballistic shields and any maintenance or matters related to firearms or the complex. The documents should include, but not limited to, executive briefings, ministerial briefings, emails, both internal and external, invoices, quotes for work, meeting records, reports, both draft and final and any electronic messages such as text or whatsapp including the officer in charge of the academy. Date range between 1 January 2022 to present day. Please allow for 30 days before publishing the application on any disclosure logs..”*

On 8 July 2024 during a telephone conversation you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to briefing papers relating to the South Australia Police (SAPOL) shooting ranges.

SAPOL has located documents that fall within the scope of your amended request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1	Range inspection Checklist Cover Sheet	Full Release		
2	Commissioners Briefing Paper – Academy Weapons Training Infrastructure, Signed 31/10/23	Full Release		
3	Executive Director’s Briefing Paper – Current situation of SAPOL’s firearms training capacity, Dated 13/12/23	Part Release	Clause 6(1)	<p>The redacted text is the personal affairs of parties other than Ms Andrew Hough. The redacted text relates to third parties namely a personal mobile telephone number.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person’s privacy and personal information.</p>
4	Commissioners Briefing Paper - Current situation of SAPOL’s firearms training capacity, Dated 13/12/23	Full Release	<p>Clause 6(1)</p> <p>7(1)(c)(i) &amp; 7(1)(c)(ii) (A)&amp;(B)</p>	<p>The redacted text is the personal affairs of parties other than Ms Andrew Hough. The redacted text relates to third parties namely a personal mobile telephone number.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person’s privacy and personal information.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text contains opinions of the agency which if taken on face value of the document and out of context may cause a misrepresentation of that business and therefore inadvertently have a detrimental effect on the affairs of the business to which they relate.</p> <p>A public interest test has been applied balancing the reasons for and against release of this material. While by meeting the</p>

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			9(1)(a)(i) & 9(1)(b)	<p>objective of 'the Act' the public have a right to access information held by this agency in this case the information relates to the professional affairs of a business namely to the facilities of that business. While there should be a degree of transparency in information held by SAPOL, if SAPOL were to release information to the general public relating these business affairs and that information was taken out of context this could have a detrimental impact on that business and its future operation. With the above considerations in mind I have formed the view that disclosure of such information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text contains opinion associated with the decision-making functions of South Australia Police, specifically with respect to law enforcement and safety. This information reflects SAPOL's opinion in deciding appropriate courses of action with regards to the risk and officer safety.</p> <p>A public interest test has been applied balancing the reasons for and against release of the redacted text. Police need to consider risk, documents their opinion on such risks and where necessary adapt and apply their processes in accordance with those risks. While there should be a degree of transparency in government functions, if such information was made available to everyone all the time it could undermine the integrity of future officer safety and police processes and their ability to perform policing functions. With the above considerations in mind, I have formed the view that disclosure of such information</p>

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				would, on the balance, be contrary to the public interest.
5	Project Management Plan Rubber Gran Trap The Academy Dated 21/12/2024	Full Release		

**CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL**

Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).”*

Clause 7(1)(c)(i) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person*

Clause 7(1)(c)(ii)(A) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency.*

Clause 7(1)(c)(ii)(B) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Clause 9(1)(a)(i) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that relates to any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency”.*

Clause 9(1)(b) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest”.*

## Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, 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 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$42.00, if applicable.

## Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application and the information provided will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be located by following this link: [https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **22 September 2024**.

Yours sincerely,



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**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

22 August 2024