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Dear [REDACTED]

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:

"Requesting documents related to youth offending (offenders aged 18 and under) in Port Augusta and the Davenport community near Port Augusta. Including: - The number of youths arrested in Port Augusta and Davenport from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive and each offender's age. - The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport charged with criminal offences from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive. - The offences any youths arrested in Port Augusta and Davenport from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive have been charged with. - The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport currently on police curfew and what their curfews are. - The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport currently on bail. - A month by month breakdown of how many youths from Port Augusta and Davenport have been charged with criminal offences and what the charges are from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive."

On 16 June 2023, you were emailed and asked to provide further information with regards to the scope of your request. This included identifying the age of a person defined as a 'youth' and the region covered by the Port Augusta and Davenport communities.

On 10 July 2023 you responded via email and confirmed the scope of your request. It was agreed the locality included the broader region of Port Augusta, including Port August West and Stirling North and 'youth' was defined as 17 years and under. Subsequently, it has been determined to **release** the following information to you **in full**.

In relation to this part of your request:

"...documents related to youth offending (offenders aged 18 and under) in Port Augusta and the Davenport community near Port Augusta."

Data is presented for offenders aged 10-17 years at the time of charge, for offences occurring in Port Augusta, Port Augusta West, Davenport and Stirling North (referred to henceforth as the Port Augusta region), for charges laid in the period of 24 May 2022 to 23 May 2023 inclusive.



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In relation to this part of your request:

"The number of youths arrested in Port Augusta and Davenport from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive and each offender's age."

A total of 75 people aged 10-17 years were arrested in the period of 24/05/2022 – 23/05/2023 (age breakdown provided in Table 1) for offences which occurred in the Port Augusta region.

Table 1. Number of youths arrested for offences in the Port Augusta region

Age	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Number of youths arrested	4	5	7	6	11	19	21	9

Note that the age breakdown of offenders does not sum to the total number of offenders as some youths were arrested multiple times before and after a birthday within the date period.

In relation to this part of your request:

"The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport charged with criminal offences from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive."

There were 121 youths aged 10-17 years charged (arrested or reported) with criminal offences in the period of 24/05/2022 – 23/05/2023 for an offence that occurred in the Port Augusta region.

In relation to this part of your request:

"The offences any youths arrested in Port Augusta and Davenport from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive have been charged with."

Table 2. Number of arrested and apprehended (arrested or reported) youths (aged 10-17 years) charged in the period of 24/05/2022 – 23/05/2023 with offences occurring in the Port Augusta region, by charge.

Charge	Arrested	Apprehended
Affray	6	10
Arson Of Building Or Motor Vehicle	1	1
Assault A Prescribed Emergency Worker	5	7
Carry An Implement With Intent To Mark Graffiti		2
Carry An Offensive Weapon Or An Article Of Disguise	8	14
Carry Visible Offensive Weapon In A School Or Public Place		1
Cause Harm By Dangerous Driving	1	1
Commit Assault	18	29
Commit Assault That Causes Harm	4	4
Contravene A Condition Of A Learner's Licence	1	1
Damage Property - Building Or Motor Vehicle (Not Arson)	3	17

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Charge	<u>Arrested</u>	<u>Apprehended</u>
Damage Property Other Than A Building Or Motor Vehicle	3	9
Dangerous Driving To Escape Police Pursuit	2	2
Dishonestly Deal With Property Without Owner's Consent	22	41
Disorderly Or Offensive Behaviour	5	5
Drive Under The Influence With A Child Under 16 Present	1	1
Drive Uninsured Motor Vehicle On Road		3
Drive Unregistered Motor Vehicle On A Road		3
Drive With Prescribed Alcohol With A Child Under 16 Present	1	1
Drive/Use/Interfere With Motor Vehicle Without Owner Consent	19	27
Exceed Speed Limit		1
Fail To Comply With Bail Agreement	22	33
Fighting	5	19
Have Possession Of A Knife In A School Or Public Place		3
Hinder An Authorised Officer	1	1
Hinder Or Resist Police	15	17
Light Or Maintain Fire In Open Air In Fire Danger Season		1
Making Off Without Payment	1	1
Mark Graffiti	1	5
Minor-Consume/Have Possession Of Liquor	1	1
Not Programs-Contravene Intervention Order Term	1	1
Obstruct Or Hinder An Officer Exercising Road Law Powers	1	1
Offensive Language	2	2
Possess Article To Commit Offence (Suspicious Circumstances)	1	1
Possess Cannabis, Cannabis Resin Or Cannabis Oil	4	13
Possess Equipment For Cannabis Use Or Preparation	3	5
Possess Prescribed Equipment	1	2
Prohibited Act With Human Biological Material-Causing Harm		1
Refuse Name And Address	2	2
Refuse To State Personal Details When Required		1
Serious Criminal Trespass In Non-Residential Building	7	8
Serious Criminal Trespass In Place Of Residence	14	15
State False Personal Detail	6	6
Throw Missile With Intention To Injure, Annoy, Frighten	2	3
Throw Missile, Reckless As To Damage To Property	1	2
Throw Missile, Reckless As To Harm To A Person	1	1
Trespass In Residence Knowing Another Present	1	1
Unauthorised Person Drive Motor Vehicle On Road	1	7
Unlawful Possession	6	20
Unlawfully On Premises	23	33
Use Or Threaten Unlawful Violence		1

Note that sexual offences are not included in these data for protection of victim privacy

In relation to this part of your request:

“The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport currently on police curfew and what their curfews are.”

Eleven (11) youths are on police curfew bail in Port Augusta as at 09/06/2023; curfews are shown below:

Table 3. Police curfew bail conditions for youths in Port Augusta

Curfew	Number of youths
10.00pm to 6.00am	1
7.00pm to 7.00am	5
8.00pm to 7.00am	4
9.00pm to 7.00am	1

In relation to this part of your request:

“The number of youths from Port Augusta and Davenport currently on bail.”

SAPOL hold no documents relative to this part of your request as SAPOL can only extract data en masse regarding Police bail as opposed to persons with court bail.

In relation to this part of your request:

“A month by month breakdown of how many youths from Port Augusta and Davenport have been charged with criminal offences and what the charges are from May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2023 inclusive.”

Table 4. Number of youths charged, by month, for offences occurring in the Port Augusta region, charged between 24/05/2022 – 23/05/2023

	2022								2023				
	May*	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May [#]
Number of offenders	3	19	22	17	15	30	20	15	22	34	30	20	30

*24/05/2022 – 31/05/2022

[#]01/05/2023-23/05/2023

Note that the month breakdown of offenders does not sum to the total number of offenders as some youths were apprehended in multiple months within the date period.

Table 5. Number of youths charged with offences, by month, by charge, for offences occurring in Port Augusta, charged between 24/05/2022 – 23/05/2023

Charge	2022									2023				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Affray					1					1		8		
Arson Of Building Or Motor Vehicle						1								
Assault A Prescribed Emergency Worker		1			1		1			1			3	
Carry An Implement With Intent To Mark Graffiti						2								
Carry An Offensive Weapon Or An Article Of Disguise		1	2		3			1			1		3	3
Carry Visible Offensive Weapon In A School Or Public Place														1
Cause Harm By Dangerous Driving														1
Commit Assault	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	3		3	2	8	3	1
Commit Assault That Causes Harm					1						2	1		
Contravene A Condition Of A Learner's Licence														1
Damage Property - Building Or Motor Vehicle (Not Arson)			1	1		3	1	2		6	4	2		
Damage Property Other Than A Building Or Motor Vehicle			2			1	3			1	1		1	1
Dangerous Driving To Escape Police Pursuit		1												1
Dishonestly Deal With Property Without Owner's Consent		4	7	6	5	7	7	2		2	9	8	3	9
Disorderly Or Offensive Behaviour		1	1					1		1	2			
Drive Under The Influence With A Child Under 16 Present														1

Charge	2022								2023				
Drive Uninsured Motor Vehicle On Road									2	1			
Drive Unregistered Motor Vehicle On A Road									2	1			
Drive With Prescribed Alcohol With A Child Under 16 Present									1				
Drive/Use/Interfere With Motor Vehicle Without Owner Consent	2	2	2	2	3	3	4 4 2 6						
Exceed Speed Limit	1												
Fail To Comply With Bail Agreement	2	8	9	7	4	11	9	7	9	10	7	7	5
Fighting	2						2	1 5 4 2 4					
Have Possession Of A Knife In A School Or Public Place	3												
Hinder An Authorised Officer	1												
Hinder Or Resist Police	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1 2 1 1 3					
Light Or Maintain Fire In Open Air In Fire Danger Season									1				
Making Off Without Payment									1				
Mark Graffiti	2								1 1 1				
Minor-Consume/Have Possession Of Liquor	1												
Not Programs-Contravene Intervention Order Term									1				
Obstruct Or Hinder An Officer Exercising Road Law Powers									1				
Offensive Language	1								1				
Possess Article To Commit Offence (Suspicious Circumstances)									1				

Charge	2022						2023			
Possess Cannabis, Cannabis Resin Or Cannabis Oil	3	1	4				2	1	3	
Possess Equipment For Cannabis Use Or Preparation		1	1	1			1	1		
Possess Prescribed Equipment	1								1	
Prohibited Act With Human Biological Material-Causing Harm							1			
Refuse Name And Address		1							1	
Refuse To State Personal Details When Required			1							
Serious Criminal Trespass In Non-Residential Building	1			1			1	3	2	
Serious Criminal Trespass In Place Of Residence	2	2		4	3	1	2	3	1	
State False Personal Detail		1		2			2		1	
Throw Missile With Intention To Injure, Annoy, Frighten								3		
Throw Missile, Reckless As To Damage To Property	1								1	
Throw Missile, Reckless As To Harm To A Person								1		
Trespass In Residence Knowing Another Present							1			
Unauthorised Person Drive Motor Vehicle On Road	1	1	1				2	1	1	
Unlawful Possession	2	5	1	2	2		6	1	2	1
Unlawfully On Premises	1	3	5	3	3	6	2	5	7	4
Use Or Threaten Unlawful Violence										1

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Disclosure Log

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 **11 September 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senior Sergeant Kelly Johnson
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

10 August 2023