



Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application received by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate on 12 October 2015, in which you sought access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the FOI Act), to the following:

Documents showing the number and nature of ambulance, fire and other ESA staff who've been the victim of occupational or workplace violence across the two financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15. This would include any incident where a person is assaulted, threatened, harmed or injured in their work...

Information on the number and nature of any other serious or critical workplace injuries suffered by the above staff for the same period, including but not limited to workplace accidents. This is defined as where the staff member had five or more days off work and/or required treatment at hospital.

I am the officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

One document has been produced in response to your request. This document includes reports that address your request for information on matters that:

- (a) Arose as a result of occupational or workplace violence.
- (b) Involved hospital admission.
- (c) Resulted in a claim involving five or more days off work.

Please note, the same matter may appear more than once in the reports provided where it meets different aspects of the criteria listed.

Although the FOI Act facilitates the objective of public access to documentation, the release of information is subject to a number of exemption provisions. In this instance, I am claiming partial exemption for some of the information you have requested, in accordance with the following section of the FOI Act.

Section 41 Documents affecting personal privacy

Section 41 provides that:

(1) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).

The document provided to you contains some personal information, including names and other identifying details. I have redacted such personal information from the document where disclosure could be considered unreasonable. The redactions do not affect the substance of the report.

I have also assessed your request under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that a redacted version of the documents provided to you **will** be published online once the processing of your request is completed. Information from the 'event description' field will be redacted under section 41 of the FOI Act to protect the personal privacy of the individuals concerns. For more information about the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy, visit http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

You have a right to seek a review of the outcome of this FOI under section 59 of the Act. You have 28 days from the date of this letter, or such other period as the Director-General permits, to seek a review. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

The Director-General
ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Officer
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You also have the right to contact the Ombudsman regarding the processing of your request. If you wish to discuss this matter with the Ombudsman you should write to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you have any queries concerning this Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the FOI Coordinator, Ms Lauren Callow on 6207 2167.

Yours sincerely


Lana Junakovic
Executive Director
Legislation, Policy and Programs

// November 2015