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8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
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10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Date: Thursday, 28 February 2019 12:31:16 PM

Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

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Phone/mobile:
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Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

The percentage of residential ratepayers who elected to pay their rates in full in the first quarter of 2018/19 as part of first rates installment notice. I would also like the same figures for the past 4 financial years (17/18,16/17,15-16,14-15). Any documentation relevant to the above including but not limited to (information briefs, correspondence, ministerial submissions)

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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Our ref: CMTEDDFOI2019-046

[REDACTED]
via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 28 February 2019, in which you sought access to the percentage figures of residential ratepayers who elected to pay their rates in full in the first quarter of 2018/19 as part of first rates instalment notice, the same figures for the past 4 financial years (17/18,16/17,15-16,14-15) and any other relevant documentation.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance of section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 29 March 2019.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and 3 documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

I have decided to grant full access to all relevant documents. The documents released to you are provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because the total number of pages to be released to you is below the charging threshold of 50 pages.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log after 14 March 2019. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman

GPO Box 442

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Level 4, 1 Moore St

GPO Box 370

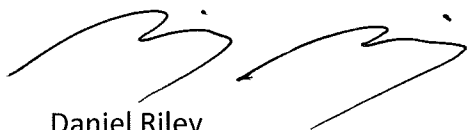
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Riley

Information Officer

Information Access Team

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

8 March 2019



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	Reference NO.
[REDACTED]	The percentage of residential ratepayers who elected to pay their rates in full in the first quarter of 2018/19 as part of first rates instalment notice. I would also like the same figures for the past 4 financial years (17/18,16/17,15-16,14-15)"	CMTEDDFOI2019-046

Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1-2	Response to Question Taken on Notice	23 Feb 2018	Full release	N/A	Yes
2	3	Response to Question Taken on Notice	15 Feb 2019	Full release	N/A	Yes
3	4	Email	7 Mar 2019	Full release	N/A	Yes
Total No of Docs						
4						



Member for Kurrajong

Treasurer

Minister for Economic Development

Minister for Tourism and Major Events

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper 16

23 February 2018

Question No. 1017

MR COE: To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the number of residential unit dwellings, in each financial year from 2011-12 to date and across the each year of the forward estimates, where the residential average unimproved value was (a) less than \$150 000, (b) between \$150 001 and \$300 000, (c) between \$300 001 and \$450 000, (d) between 450 001 and \$600 000 and (e) more than \$600,001.
- (2) Can the Treasurer provide the total (a) number of residential properties that had a discount rates applied for on time payment and (b) value of the discounts during (i) 2011-2012, (b) 2012-2013, (c) 2013-2014, (d) 2014-2015, (e) 2016-2017 and (f) 2017-18 to date.
- (3) Can the Treasurer provide (a) the total number of residential properties that incurred interest for late rates payments and (b) the total value of the interest accrued during (i) 2011-2012, (b) 2012-2013, (c) 2013-2014, (d) 2014-2015, (e) 2016-2017 and (f) 2017-18 to date.

MR BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Under the *Rates Act 2004*, if a parcel of land is a unit subdivision, the land making up the parcel is taken to continue to be a single parcel of land. Average unimproved values are determined for this single parcel of land. As such, individual residential unit dwellings do not have unimproved land values. The table below shows the number of dwellings within each value category, calculated by multiplying the residential proportion of the average unimproved value of a unit subdivision parcel of land by the unit entitlement of the unit. Figures are correct as of 1 January each year.

Residential proportion of AUV of parcel of land multiplied by unit entitlement	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
\$0 to \$150,000	25,698	24,576	24,921	26,909	28,682	31,312	32,783
\$150,001 to \$300,000	5,526	8,047	9,770	10,282	10,699	10,898	11,002
\$300,001 to \$450,000	869	1,052	1,185	1,237	1,271	1,284	1,378
\$450,001 and \$600,000	234	279	304	327	352	373	433
\$600,001 and above	103	129	149	151	160	168	200


- (2) The table below shows the number of residential properties that received a general rates early payment discount and the value of the discount.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (YTD to Feb 2018)
No. of properties	53,008	54,020	55,377	56,365	54,888	53,291	49,821
Value of early payment discount (\$'000)	2,151	2,422	2,729	3,034	3,327	2,296	1,194

- (3) The table below shows the number of residential properties that incurred interest for late general rates payments and the value of the interest incurred.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (YTD to Feb 2018)
No. of properties	31,113	31,709	33,072	33,297	36,462	37,079	32,763
Value of interest incurred (\$'000)	1,400	1,432	1,518	1,638	1,793	1,604	524

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
 Treasurer

Date: 13.3.18



Chief Minister
Treasurer
Minister for Social Inclusion and Equality
Minister for Tourism and Special Events
Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment
Member for Kurrajong

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper 28
15 February 2019
Question No. 2146

MS LE COUTEUR: To ask the Treasurer—What were the proportions of residential rates paid upfront and paid in instalments in each of the financial years (a) 2015-16, (b) 2016-17, (c) 2017-18 and (d) 2018-19 to date.

MR BARR MLA - The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

- (a) In the 2015-16 financial year there were 156,843 annual rates assessments issued for residential properties; 54,932 ratepayers (35.02 percent) paid their assessments up front and 101,911 ratepayers (64.98 percent) nominated to pay their assessments by instalments.
- (b) In the 2016-17 financial year there were 158,991 annual rates assessments issued for residential properties; 53,189 ratepayers (33.45 percent) paid their assessments up front and 105,802 ratepayers (66.55 percent) nominated to pay their assessments by instalments.
- (c) In the 2017-18 financial year there were 162,914 annual rates assessments issued for residential properties; 49,791 ratepayers (30.56 percent) paid their assessments up front and 113,123 ratepayers (69.44 percent) nominated to pay their assessments by instalments.
- (d) In the 2018-19 financial year to date there have been 171,305 annual rates assessments issued for residential properties; 41,695 ratepayers (24.34 percent) paid their assessments up front and 129,610 ratepayers (75.66 percent) nominated to pay their assessments by instalments.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.	
Andrew Barr MLA Treasurer	Date:.....
This response required xx hrs xx mins to complete, at an approximate cost of \$xxxx	

From: CMTEDD FOI
Subject: RE: CMTEDDFOI2019-046 - FOI Document Search - Ratepayer percentages - Due 7 March 2019 - QON 1553 - 1102 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Attached are other documents in relation to properties paying in full. A recent QON 2146 (this has been signed off) also requested percentages. QON 1017 does not refer to percentages as such but pay on time discounts.

Year	Total Residential Properties	Total Residential Properties Annual Rates Paid in full	Percentage
2014-15	152,274	56,491	37.10%
2015-16	156,843	54,932	35.02%
2016-17	158,991	53,189	33.45%
2017-18	162,914	49,791	30.56%
2018-19	171,305	41,695	24.34%