ACT Government
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Publication Coversheet

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDFOI 2026-270
Date of Application	16 September 2026
Date of Decision	23 October 2026
Processing time (in working days)	26
Fees	N/A
Decision on Access	No Information Found
Information Requested (summary)	Documents related to CPSU correspondence.

Publication Details		
Original application	☑ Published	☐ N/A
Decision notice	☑ Published	☐ N/A
Documents and schedule	☐ Published	☑ N/A
Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A	
Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A	
Decision made by ACAT	N/A	
Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A	

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Freedom of Information (FOI) request

Form data summary

Applicant name	Anonymous request
Responsible directorate	Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
Reference code	5KSDVKTN

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Date and time

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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)

GPO Box 158
Canberra City, ACT 2601

Phone: 6207 7754
CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au

Applicant information

- [x] I want to submit this request anonymously

Assistance

Do you need assistance with preparing your request?

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

Do you need an interpreter?

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

Contact details

For your anonymous request to be valid, please provide at least one method of contact. This information will help us confirm the details of your request and/or deliver information to you once your request is completed.

Phone number

Email address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Suburb

State

Postcode

Help us direct your request

The following information helps us send your request to the most appropriate team who will coordinate and respond to your request.

What do you know about the information you are requesting?*

- (●) I know the Directorate or agency
- ( ) I know the topic
- ( ) I am not sure

Directorate or agency*

- ( ) Canberra Health Services
- (•) Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- ( ) City and Environment Directorate
- ( ) Digital Canberra
- ( ) Education Directorate
- ( ) Health and Community Services Directorate
- ( ) Infrastructure Canberra
- ( ) Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- ( ) Multiple Directorate request

Request for

To help us process your request:

- Include enough detail in your application so we can identify what government information you want.
- As an alternative to using fields within the form, you may choose to attach documents or audio recordings.
- You may wish to include a statement on how the release of this information is in the public interest.

Scope of your request

What information are you requesting access to?*

To Whom It May Concern

I seek access under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT) to records held by CMTEDD concerning the CPSU correspondence dated 24 May 2023 titled “Managing Psychosocial Risk – WorkSafe ACT” and the subsequent correspondence with the CPSU concerning that matter.

The period is 24 May 2023 to 31 May 2024.

I seek:

emails, letters or other written communications to or from Brenton Higgins and/or Maddie Northam concerning the 24 May 2023 CPSU correspondence or the CPSU request for a review of WorkSafe ACT workplace culture;
replies, acknowledgements or other communications from Damian West, Michael Young, Ellen Lukins or Russell Noud to Brenton Higgins, Maddie Northam or the CPSU concerning that correspondence;
attachments to those communications;
records of meetings, telephone calls or other substantive discussions between those CMTEDD officials and Brenton Higgins, Maddie Northam or other CPSU representatives concerning the correspondence or proposed review;
communications with the CPSU concerning whether a review would be undertaken, whether the WHS Commissioner might initiate a review, or whether the matter could be referred to the Work Health and Safety Council or dealt with through another review mechanism; and
any subsequent communication to or from the CPSU recording the outcome, resolution or closure of the request for a review.

For clarity, this application is directed to the identifiable correspondence trail arising from the CPSU's 24 May 2023 communication. It does not seek unrelated communications between CMTEDD and the CPSU or unrelated communications involving Mr Higgins or Ms Northam.

Documents previously published under CMTEDDFOI2024-220 or CMTEDDFOI2026-235 may be excluded only where the document is an exact duplicate in the same form. I seek unpublished communications, attachments, file notes and other records within the above scope.

Where a record contains information that is contrary to the public interest to disclose, I request access to the remainder of the record with that information deleted in accordance with section 50 of the Act.

Attach additional documents to support your application

Submit application

Timeframes

The Directorate responsible for your application must:

- inform you in writing within 10 working days that it has received your application
- communicate to you about any difficulties/ delays in processing your request
- provide you with a decision on access to the information within 30 working days or less

Requests may take longer than 30 days in situations where an extension has been granted.

If the Directorate must consult a third party, the deadline for providing a decision is extended by 15 working days. The Directorate will notify you if consultation is required.

Anonymous request

You're submitting an anonymous FOI request. The information you supply will be provided to:

- **Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate**
- **cmteddFOI@act.gov.au**

The FOI team may contact you to clarify details of your request. This will assist the team in reaching a decision on providing access to the information.

After submitting your request, you may wish to save a PDF copy of your form or email a PDF copy to your nominated email address.

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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDDFOI 2026-270

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

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 16 September 2026.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

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Authority

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

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days.

Therefore, a decision is due by **29 October 2026.**

Decision on access

Searches within CMTEDD records have identified no documents in scope of your request.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request as no documents are being released to you.

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 and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

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 provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form *Applying for an Ombudsman Review* to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, 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
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 the CMTEDD FOI Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Emma Hotham

Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

23 October 2026