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Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

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

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Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	5
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

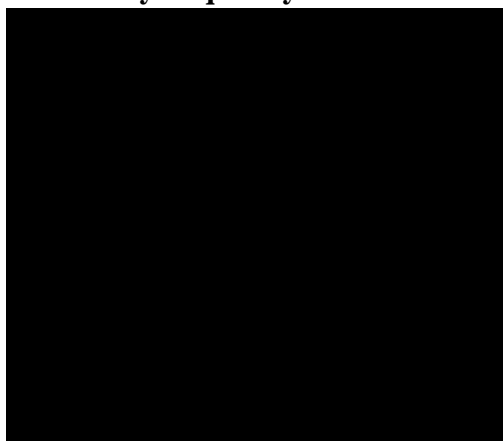
From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Date: Wednesday, 19 September 2018 12:09:08 PM

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.

Title:
First Name:
Last Name:
Business/Organisation:
Address:
Suburb:
Postcode:
State/Territory:
Phone/mobile:
Email address:



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):

I would like to request the details of every travel claim submitted by Chief Minister Andrew Barr for the last 3 years, including those submitted on his behalf by others. Included in this request should be official travel claimed by his partner. Domestic and International travel to be included. There is no limit to the scope - it is any official travel outside of the ACT for any period of time (including single days). The information needs to outline costs associated with the travel and any payment of travel allowance

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

Information relating to capacity of any meetings attended.

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator




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via email: 

Dear 

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 19 September 2018, in which you sought access to information under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act).

Specifically, you sought access to

"...details of every travel claim submitted by Chief Minister Andrew Barr for the last 3 years, including those submitted on his behalf by others. Included in this request should be official travel claimed by his partner. Domestic and International travel to be included. There is no limit to the scope - it is any official travel outside of the ACT for any period of time (including sing days). The information needs to outline costs associated with the travel and any payment of travel allowance."

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of CMTEDD 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 by 18 October 2018.

Decision on access

A search of documents was conducted and the relevant business area has confirmed that the information you have requested is publicly available via the Open Access website and the ACT Legislative Assembly website.

Prior to January 2018, six monthly reports on all official travel undertaken by all Ministers is available on the ACT Legislative Assembly website at

<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/members/entitlement-reporting>

Since January 2018, information on Ministerial and Ministerial staff travel expenditure is published quarterly on the Open Access website at <https://www.act.gov.au/open-access/ministers-information/ministerial-travel-expenses-disclosure>

The reports on the websites include date of travel, destination, reason for travel and the total cost. The total cost is broken down by air fares (or other relevant transport methods) and the accommodation, transport & travel allowance paid to Ministers travelling domestically and internationally.

Noting that the information you have requested is publically available, I have decided to refuse to deal with your access application in accordance with section 43(d) of the Act. Section 43(d) provides the grounds for me to refuse to deal with an application if the government information is already available to the applicant. I am satisfied that the information you have sought meets the requirements of section 43(d) and section 45 of the Act.

Additional Information

Please note there are no provisions supporting entitlement for official travel for spouses of Ministers. As a result, there are no documents in relation to claims for official spouse travel.

In April 2014, the Remuneration Tribunal removed the entitlements for Members of the Legislative Assembly in relation to accompanied travel. Further information is provided in Determination 1 of 2014 at:

https://www.remunerationtribunal.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/573493/det_2014_1_MLAs_Travel_only_ed.pdf.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because no documents are to be released.

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 in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log after 2 October 2018. 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

26 September 2018