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## Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

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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)	13
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

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To whom it concerns.

Hello, I'm wanting to request information about the decriminalisation of marijuana and personal use in ACT.

1. Since being decriminalisation how many traffic offences has happen due to cannabis and any change since and before decriminalisation?
2. Any increases of psychosis since the decriminalisation?
3. How much if any revenue did ACT get from cannabis in the time frame of being decriminalisation?
4. Any increases in crime that could be caused by decriminalisation?
6. How much is ACT saving on not having to police cannabis as harshly?
7. If no to any answer above explain why you can't give the info?

Regards,

[REDACTED]



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Dear Applicant

### **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 7 September 2023, in which you sought access to information about the decriminalisation of marijuana and personal use in ACT.

Specifically, you are seeking:

- 1. Since being decriminalisation how many traffic offences has happen due to cannabis and any change since and before decriminalisation?*
- 2. Any increases of psychosis since the decriminalisation?*
- 3. How much if any revenue did ACT get from cannabis in the time frame of being decriminalisation?*
- 4. Any increases in crime that could be caused by decriminalisation?*
- 5. How much is ACT saving on not having to police cannabis as harshly?*
- 6. If no to any answer above explain why you can't give the info?*

### **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 19 October 2023.

### **Decision on access**

A search of CMTEDD records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. The search was conducted using the information you provided.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and that no documents relevant to your request are held by CMTEDD.

Additionally, as per section 57 of the Act, I sought advice from the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) and ACT Health as I considered them to be ACT Government directorates that may hold information in relation to your request.

JACS advised that that information within scope of this request is held by ACT Policing. I am unable to transfer your request to them, as ACT Policing operate under the Australian Federal Police and are subject to the federal *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. I have included a link to information on how you can seek access.

<https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/governance-and-accountability/freedom-of-information>

I am advised that neither the Health Directorate nor Canberra Health Services record/track or have reported on the incidence of psychosis in relation to the decriminalisation of cannabis. They have advised the following:

*"...this is not something that the ACT Government health system keep statistics on and therefore we are unable answer the questions below. There is no revenue derived from decriminalisation of cannabis from a health perspective. Medicinal cannabis is not sold or licensed by the ACT Government."*

### **Charges**

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because the total number folio's 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. A description of the access application and my decision will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>.

### **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 CMTEDD disclosure log, 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](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)

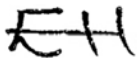
**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review**

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](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Emma Hotham  
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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

25 September 2023