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File Ref: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request under the *ACT Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the FOI Act) received by the Directorate, confirmed on 10 January 2017.

Your request

You are seeking access to information held by the Education Directorate in relation to the level of funding of each and all disability education programs for public schools in the ACT for the last five financial years, being 2011/12 – 2015/16.

My decision

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

A schedule setting out the relevant information located and my decision in relation to its release is at [Attachment A](#), and the released documents are at [Attachment B](#).

Information unrelated or outside the scope of your request has been redacted. Primarily, this is information that falls outside the required dates of your request.

You will note that the information provided does not fully capture your request. Unfortunately, the database that contains the individual breakdown of funding allocations across each disability education program only goes back as far as 2013.

Section 23 of the FOI Act provides that a request may be refused in certain cases. To disaggregate the information for 2011 and 2012 to the level you have requested would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations. I have decided to apply section 23 to your request in relation to 2011 and 2012 data. High level funding information for these years is available via the respective ACT Budgets at Output 1:4 - Disability Education in Public Schools.

To help interpret the information released, a fact sheet is available via the ACT Education website:

http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/disability_education/services-for-students-with-a-disability, detailing information on each of the disability education programs delivered and eligibility requirements.

Your rights for review

You have a right of review under section 59 of the FOI Act. An information sheet outlining the review and appeal process provided for in the FOI Act is attached to this letter.

Online publication

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication policy, information released to you under this Freedom of Information request may be released on the internet.

A copy of the policy, with details about what information may be published on the internet, is available at:

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

Yours sincerely



Jason Borton
Director
Learning and Teaching
14th February 2017

Freedom of Information Act 1989 **Review and Appeal Processes**

Internal review

You may request a review of a decision made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (ACT). Requests for review must be made in writing to the Education and Training Directorate. Requests can be sent by fax (02 6205 9453) or by mail to:

The Director-General
C/- Governance Branch
ACT Education Directorate
PO Box 158
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

You have **28 days** from the date you were notified of the decision to request a review. This period may be extended by the Director-General.

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are not satisfied after the Directorate has conducted an internal review, you may seek an independent review of the decision by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The Tribunal is an independent body which can affirm, change or reject the decision made by the Directorate and either substitute its own decision or send the matter back to the Directorate for reconsideration in accordance with the Tribunal's recommendations.

The Tribunal can be contacted by fax (02 6205 4855), email (tribunal@act.gov.au) or by mail to:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
DX5691
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

An appeal must be filed in the Tribunal within 28 days after the internal review decision is made although you may seek an extension of time in certain circumstances.

An application for a review may be made by writing to the Tribunal, or by completing the *Application for Review of a Decision* form (available on the Tribunal's website at www.acat.act.gov.au). There is a fee for lodging an appeal with the Tribunal. This fee may be remitted under certain circumstances.

ACT Ombudsman

You also have the right to complain to the ACT Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

The ACT Ombudsman cannot override a decision made by the Directorate.

Freedom of Information Schedule

[Redacted] funding for disability education programs – 10 January 2017 – File Reference: [Redacted]

Document Number	Description	Document Date	Decision (Full release, Partial release, Exempt)	Reason for Exemption
1	Disability Education 2010/11-2016/17 Appraisal allocations by program	undated	Partial release	out of scope
2	Disability Education 2010/11-2016/17 Specialist school site allocations and Mainstream site allocations	undated	Partial release	out of scope

Disability Education 2010/11 - 2016/17

Appraisal Allocations By Program

Year	ISP	LSC	LSU	LSUA	SPEC	Notes
2013	\$ 8,515,096.35	\$ 47,898.75	\$ 348,486.00	\$ 427,329.15	\$ 9,484,494.75	
2014	\$ 12,274,080.00	\$ 103,680.00	\$ 586,224.00	\$ 786,000.00	\$ 12,601,056.00	
2015	\$ 11,313,084.00	\$ 53,908.20	\$ 523,524.60	\$ 526,620.00	\$ 10,426,794.60	
2016	\$ 13,640,430.60	\$ 149,702.40	\$ 705,373.20	\$ 676,558.80	\$ 11,128,361.40	

Year	Hearing Support (Staffing)	Vision Support (Staffing)
2010-11	\$1,218,138	\$571,810
2011-12	\$1,285,703	\$682,388
2012-13	\$1,420,700	\$647,337
2013-14	\$1,468,151	\$620,020
2014-15	\$1,390,418	\$575,536
2015-16	\$1,438,983	\$730,648

Hearing and Vision Budgets are reported over the financial year and are staffing costs. Disability Education provides the teachers and Learning Support Assistants who support students eligible under ACT Student Disability Criteria across EDU schools.

- ISP: Inclusion Support Program
- LSC: Learning Support Centre
- LSU: Learning Support Units
- LSUA: Learning Support Unit/Autism
- SPEC: Specialist School

Specialist School Site Allocations

Year	Cranleigh	Malkara	Black Mountain	The Wooden School	Turner School	Notes
2013	\$ 878,445.00	\$ 773,610.00	\$ 650,700.00	\$ 621,780.00	\$ 433,800.00	
2014	\$ 1,295,040.00	\$ 1,156,800.00	\$ 921,600.00	\$ 883,200.00	\$ 576,000.00	
2015	\$ 814,452.00	\$ 854,652.00	\$ 771,840.00	\$ 739,680.00	\$ 225,120.00	
2016	\$ 759,276.00	\$ 759,276.00	\$ 894,240.00	\$ 811,440.00	\$ 231,840.00	

Mainstream Site allocations - LSC, LSU, LSUA

Year		
2013	Unavailable in ongoings	
2014	\$ 19,470,240.00	
2015	\$ 16,099,939.20	
2016	\$ 16,527,708.00	

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