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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	N/A
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	35
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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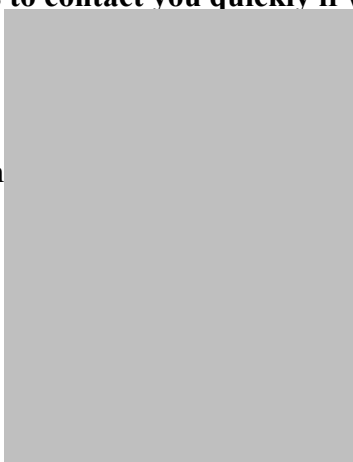
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Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

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:

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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.)

I am writing to seek access to documents and/or information under the Freedom of Information Act. I wish to access documents produced between June 27, 2020 and June 27, 2022 containing information -- including draft and final briefings, analysis, evaluations, assessments, or reports -- about foster and kinship carers who do not have working with vulnerable people clearance. Specifically, I am seeking information about: a) How many of those people have had allegations of criminal or otherwise illegal behaviour levelled against them?

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

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

I advise I am not interested in duplicate copies of documents or documents that have already been publicly released or media releases, media articles or media statements.

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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 31 August 2022.

Specifically, you are seeking: *"...access to documents and/or information under the Freedom of Information Act. I wish to access documents produced between June 27, 2020 and June 27, 2022 containing information -- including draft and final briefings, analysis, evaluations, assessments, or reports -- about foster and kinship carers who do not have working with vulnerable people clearance. Specifically, I am seeking information about: a) How many of those people have had allegations of criminal or otherwise illegal behaviour levelled against them?"*

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 September 2022, however following on from an extension the due date is now 21 October 2022.

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.

Also please note that as this request relates to information about people who are not registered under the Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) scheme, Access Canberra does not collect information of this nature about unregistered people. Any anecdotal information that they may have could be considered as protected information under the WWVP legislation.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because 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. A description of the access application and my decision will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log after 3 days after the date of my decision. 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 of my decision, 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:

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:

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



Katharine Stuart
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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development
Directorate

21 October 2022