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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*.

FOI Reference: CMTEDDFOI 2022-359

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	Waived
6. Processing time (in working days)	28
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: no-reply@act.gov.au
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Date: Monday, 14 November 2022 7:41:37 AM

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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:



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):

The Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Annual Report 2018/19. The Construction and Occupations Annual Report Annex contains information on the following: • Builder Licensing Exams This section is missing from Construction and Occupations Annual Report Annex FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22. FOI request for: • The Builder Licensing Exams details (based on the 2018/19 report) for FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22

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

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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Our ref: CMTEDDFOI2022-359

[REDACTED]

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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 14 November 2022. Specifically, you are seeking:

We require for classes A, B and C combined:

- *How many builders renewed their licenses for the period 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22*
- *How many builders renewing their licenses sat the exam for the period 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22*
- *Of these builders, how many failed first time for the period 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22*

I understand that exams for licence renewals were suspended during the Covid-19 public health emergency, as Access Canberra focused on exams for new applications for builder licences during this period".

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 with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 12 December 2022. However, following a scope clarification on 06 December 2022, the revised due date is now 03 January 2023.

Material considered

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act,
- the content of the information that falls within the scope of your request.

Decision on access

A search of CMTEDD records was performed using the information you provided, and I have decided to grant full access to all relevant information.

Relevant information has been collated into the following table:

Table 1 Information for FOI2022-359

Builders (Classes A, B and C)	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Number of licenses renewed	918	789	883	891
Number who sat exams on renewal	17	62	0	0
Number failed first attempt	4	15	0	0

Charges

Pursuant to the *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because the total number of pages to be released to you does not exceed 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. Should you wish to request a review of this decision, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Stuart', is positioned below the closing text.

Katharine Stuart
Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

22 December 2022