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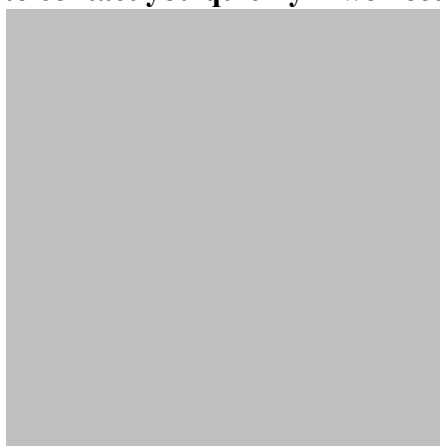
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### Request for information

**(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.)**

The contents of the following ministerial briefs (in relation to CMTEDD FOI 2025-293): SHS Ministerial Brief Stephen-Smith - Increase in loan origination fee CM Brief - Business Case - Cost of Living - Community Support for Vulnerable Canberrans Expenditure Reduction Options 2025-26 Budget ERC Recommendations for the 2025-26 Budget Temporary Reappointment: ACT Public Sector Standards Commissioner for a period of three months University of NSW (UNSW) Canberra City Campus progress update and stage 1 holding lease Telstra Tower community research CM Brief - 2026 Legislation Program Development - Letters to Ministers Redistribution of federal electoral divisions in the ACT Government Plans/Strategies – Advice for Chief Minister Arrangements Brief - Barr - CAPA Airline Leader Summit 2025 - Panel Discussion - 31 July Brief - Canberra United Additional Funding (2025-26) - SIGNED Ministerial Brief - Provision of ACT Government Submission - Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly Telstra Tower – Procurement Scope for the Visitor Experience and Market Interest CM brief - Sentiment study and CCMIL survey Info Brief - WHOG Comms priorities - SIGNED Development of 2026

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

Legislation Program 00. Brief - SIGNED - Community Support Fund – Lakespeare’s Shakespeare by the Lakes VII Brief - submission to 213A disputes - August 2025 SIGNED Brief - Submission to 213A disputes - August 2025 Brief -213A disputes - major business cases and roads - secondary submission - SIGNED Signed - CMTEDD brief - Unfreeze of controlled recurrent payment appropriation Response to Standing Order 213A-2025-007, Asset Management SIGNED Brief - 213A Brief - Asset Management Unfreeze of controlled recurrent payment appropriation Health Portfolio central budget provisions Hockey ACT – request for funding (Watt Field) Update regarding the Canberra Cavalry (Cavalry) and ABL licence provision Update regarding status of Canberra United (CU) Canberra Balloon Spectacular – Event Evaluation Results 2025 SIGNED Brief - Agreement of 11th Assemb Gov Comm & Dev of Rep Milestones End of financial year cost pressures - Community Services Directorate SIGNED Brief - Barr - 2025-26 Budget Statement Domestic Tourism Statistics (DoTS) and International Visitor Survey (IVS) Brief - Economic Development Input to Education Ministers Meeting - 27 June 2025 Revenue – 2025-26 Tax Setting Disallowable Instruments Transfer of capital funding from the ACTHD to CHS Brief - Barr & Orr - Cross-border water correspondence Min Brief - Reid Carpark Info Brief - Integrity Reforms 2025 - 25-1360 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - CM Brief - 213A-2025-007 - Asset management GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Barr - Government Commitment Tracking - Delivery details GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Jacka Koala Sighting & Next Steps GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Steel - May 2025 Tax and LVC Revenue GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - DUE 19 June - Ministerial Brief - Changes to performance indicators and amendment of performance criteria for iCBR GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief/response - Steel - AFPA - Police, Fire & Emergency Services Levy GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief & response - Steel - ACTHD Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Steel - Indicative 2025-26 Borrowings Strategy & Implementation GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Steel - Meeting with S&P Global Ratings - 14 August 2025 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief & Correspondence - Steel - Tara Cheyne MLA - Waiver request - Public land use fees - Scrivener Dam Dissipater project GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial

Meeting & Arrangements Brief - Barr - Aware Super - 29 August 2025 & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Eastlake Football Club - 12 August 2025 – Due to MO by 4 August 2025 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Pettersson - Initiation brief ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority Governing Board - Chair Recruitment 2025 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Brief - Steel - Review of the Water Abstraction Charge (WAC) Pricing Methodology GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - URGENT - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Barr - Vice Chancellor of UC, Mr Bill Shorten - 8 August 2025 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - MAIC Brief - Stephen-Smith - Quarterly Report 30 June 2025 GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Information Brief - Barr - Communications and Engagement - Government Commitment milestone reporting Budget pre-announcements process (ERC considered) 2025-26 Asset Renewal Program 2025 ACTPS Enterprise Bargaining Approach Government Response to Coercive Control Assembly Motion Government Response to Petition 006-25 - Inquiry into the Prevention of Family Violence in the ACT Housing Supply and Land Release Program 18/06 25-022 Cabinet Brief - STEEL - 2025-26 Asset Renewal Program Northside Hospital Transition – commercial update (ERC) Government Response to Assembly resolution of 8 May - Digital Health Record Improvement The Next ACT Climate Change Strategy – Framework and Discussion Paper Current Aquatic Facility Landscape in the ACT Northside Hospital Project Access & Bruce Precinct Transport Planning Housing Policy Issues Whole of Government Strategic Prioritisation Framework 26/08 - 25-509 Cabinet Brief - Due ASAP - 25/509 Northside Hospital Transition – Final Commercial Outcomes Brief - Capital Variation - CMTEDD2025-1433 20250527 Brief - Interim Shortlisting Evaluation Report Brief - Steel - Capital Variation - Athllon Drive Duplication Project Request to repurpose ACTHD underspends to community organisations Ministerial Brief – Government Procurement Board Report – 2024-25 financial year Brief - Cash Management Measures - July 2025 Brief - TSR - Fifth Investor Roundtable Brief - ACT Populations Projections 2025 to 2065 CMTEDD2025-3513 Ministerial Brief Trade Mission to Thailand Singapore Brief \_Brendan Smyth Overarching formal designation of equity 2025-26 Appropriation Arrangements under the Supply Period

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

Thank you.  
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION**

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 15 October 2025.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

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- 2. CM Brief - Business Case - Cost of Living - Community Support for Vulnerable Canberrans*
- 3. Expenditure Reduction Options 2025-26 Budget*
- 4. ERC Recommendations for the 2025-26 Budget*
- 5. Temporary Reappointment: ACT Public Sector Standards Commissioner for a period of three months*
- 6. University of NSW (UNSW) Canberra City Campus progress update and stage 1 holding lease*
- 7. Telstra Tower community research*
- 8. CM Brief - 2026 Legislation Program Development - Letters to Ministers*
- 9. Redistribution of federal electoral divisions in the ACT*
- 10. Government Plans/Strategies – Advice for Chief Minister*
- 11. Arrangements Brief - Barr - CAPA Airline Leader Summit 2025 - Panel Discussion - 31 July*
- 12. Brief - Canberra United Additional Funding (2025-26) - SIGNED*
- 13. Ministerial Brief - Provision of ACT Government Submission - Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly*
- 14. Telstra Tower – Procurement Scope for the Visitor Experience and Market Interest*
- 15. CM brief - Sentiment study and CCMIL survey*
- 16. Info Brief - WHOG Comms priorities - SIGNED*
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22. Signed - CMTEDD brief - Unfreeze of controlled recurrent payment appropriation
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29. Update regarding status of Canberra United (CU)
30. Canberra Balloon Spectacular – Event Evaluation Results 2025
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32. End of financial year cost pressures - Community Services Directorate
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34. Domestic Tourism Statistics (DoTS) and International Visitor Survey (IVS)
35. Brief - Economic Development Input to Education Ministers Meeting - 27 June 2025
36. Revenue – 2025-26 Tax Setting Disallowable Instruments
37. Transfer of capital funding from the ACTHD to CHS
38. Brief - Barr & Orr - Cross-border water correspondence
39. Min Brief - Reid Carpark
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58. Budget pre-announcements process (ERC considered)
59. 2025-26 Asset RenewalProgram
60. 2025 ACTPS Enterprise Bargaining Approach
61. Government Response to Coercive Control Assembly Motion
62. Government Response to Petition 006-25–Inquiry into thePrevention of FamilyViolence in the ACT
63. Housing Supply and Land Release Program

- 64.18/06 25-022 Cabinet Brief-STEEL-2025-26 Asset Renewal Program
65. Northside Hospital Transition –commercial update (ERC)
66. Government Response to Assembly resolution of 8 May-Digital Health Record Improvement
67. The Next ACT Climate Change Strategy–Framework and Discussion Paper
68. Current Aquatic Facility Landscape in the ACT
69. Northside Hospital Project Access & Bruce Precinct Transport Planning
70. Housing Policy Issues
71. Whole of Government Strategic Prioritisation Framework
- 72.26/08-25-509 Cabinet Brief-Due ASAP -25/509 Northside Hospital Transition –Final Commercial Outcomes
73. Brief-Capital Variation –CMTEDD2025-1433
- 74.20250527 Brief-Interim Shortlisting Evaluation Report
75. Brief-Steel-Capital Variation -Athllon Drive Duplication Project
76. Request to repurpose ACTHD underspends to community organisations
77. Ministerial Brief–Government Procurement Board Report–2024-25 financial year
78. Brief-Cash Management Measures-July 2025
79. Brief-TSR -Fifth Investor Roundtable
80. Brief-ACT Populations Projections 2025 to 2065
81. CMTEDD2025-3513 Ministerial Brief Trade Mission to Thailand Singapore Brief\_Brendan Smyth
82. Overarching formal designation of equity
83. 2025-26 Appropriation Arrangements under the Supply Period

## **Authority**

I am an Information Officer appointed by the CMTEDD Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

## **Timeframes and Consultation**

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days. A decision was due to you by **27 November 2025**.

On 21 November 2025 I wrote to you proposing to refuse to deal with your request as it would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources pursuant to section 44(1) of the Act. In that letter you were provided with the opportunity to amend your application. The time allowed for your response to my proposal, as stated under section 46(4)(a) was 10 working days meaning a response was due by 5 December 2025. I did not receive a response by that date. I am now required to provide you with a decision by **11 December 2025**.

## Decision on access

I have decided to refuse to deal with this access application in full under section 43(1)(a) of the Act, because:

- dealing with the application would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources pursuant to section 44(1)(a) of the Act, and
- the resources required does not justify the public interest that would be required to process this request, refer to section 44(1)(b) of the Act.

As previously advised, in August 2022, CMTEDD refused to deal with an access application that requested access to 120 Ministerial briefs. This decision was upheld by the Ombudsman in February 2023, who confirmed that under section 82(2)(a) of the Act, with respect to dealing with this application, it would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of the respondent's resources. Ombudsman decision:

<https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/accountability-and-oversight/freedom-of-information?external-uuid=9e25d852-4570-4705-a742-13bbe3e90d84>

Since that time, CMTEDD has developed a process to deal with similar large requests, and this includes options on how an applicant could reduce the scope of their request to remove the grounds for refusal.

I wrote to your office on 12 November 2025 by email to advise of the above referenced Ombudsman decision, and on some scoping options. The advice was as follows:

“If there is a central theme or subject matter to the briefs requested, we can work with you on that, in that instance, you could go over 10 briefs, and it would likely be workable as this makes the request easier to process and manage. Or you can go with a maximum of 10 briefs (that are not necessarily related by subject matter) and we would be able to process that.”

I note that no response has been received from you or your office.

## Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request as 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](#).

Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

## 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 provided to you, 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 FOI team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email [CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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10 December 2025