ACT Government
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Publication Coversheet

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDFOI 2026-307
Date of Application	9 October 2026
Date of Decision	22 October 2026
Processing time (in working days)	9
Fees	N/A
Decision on Access	Refusal
Information Requested (summary)	Information about government occupants of a building .

Publication Details		
Original application	☑ Published	☐ N/A
Decision notice	☑ Published	☐ N/A
Documents and schedule	☐ Published	☑ N/A
Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A	
Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A	
Decision made by ACAT	N/A	
Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A	

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Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Submission confirmation

Your submission has been successful. Please keep a copy of this receipt for your records.

Date and time

09 Oct 2026 3:46:16 AM

Reference code

BT4HDMQ3

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)

GPO Box 158
Canberra City, ACT 2601

Phone: 6207 7754
CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au

Applicant information

☐ I want to submit this request anonymously

Assistance

Do you need assistance with preparing your request?

○ Yes

◉ No

Do you need an interpreter?

○ Yes

◉ No

Applicant details

Title

First name*

Last name

Pronouns

Chosen name

Business/Organisation

Contact details

Please provide at least one method of contact. We use this information to confirm details of the request and deliver information to you once your request is completed.

Phone number

Email address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Suburb

State

Postcode

Help us direct your request

The following information helps us send your request to the most appropriate team who will coordinate and respond to your request.

What type of information are you requesting? *

There are two types of information commonly asked for: personal information and non-personal or general information.

- Personal information refers to your own or another's personal affairs. If you wish to access personal information, you will need to provide proof of identity.

- Non-personal or general information is all the information held by government about how the government undertakes its functions and roles.

○ Personal information

◉ Non-personal (General) information

What do you know about the information you are requesting?*

○ I know the Directorate or agency

◉ I know the topic

○ I am not sure

What is the nature or topic of information you are after*

No match found

Start typing the name of the topic you are requesting information about. If your topic does not appear in the list, you can select "No match found".

Can you briefly describe what you are looking for or what prompted your request?*

the names and locations of all government departments which occupy Allara House, 13 Constitution Av, Canberra Central 2600

An FOI Officer will review your request and direct it to the right Directorate or Agency. The Directorate FOI team will work with you to finalise details. Once confirmed, the team will start working on your request.

Request for

To help us process your request:

- Include enough detail in your application so we can identify what government information you want.
- As an alternative to using fields within the form, you may choose to attach documents or audio recordings.
- You may wish to include a statement on how the release of this information is in the public interest.

Scope of your request

What information are you requesting access to?*

the names of all government departments which occupy Allara House, 13 Constitution Av, Canberra Central

Attach additional documents to support your application

Submit application

Timeframes

The Directorate responsible for your application must:

- inform you in writing within 10 working days that it has received your application
- communicate to you about any difficulties/ delays in processing your request
- provide you with a decision on access to the information within 30 working days or less

Requests may take longer than 30 days in situations where an extension has been granted.

If the Directorate must consult a third party, the deadline for providing a decision is extended by 15 working days. The Directorate will notify you if consultation is required.

After you submit your request, the information you supply will be provided to:

- **Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate**
- **cmteddFOI@act.gov.au**

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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 9 October 2026.Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

> *"the names and locations of all government departments which occupy Allara House, 13 Constitution Av, Canberra Central 2600"*

On 9 October 2026, an FOI Coordinator contacted you seeking clarification of the following matters in relation to your request:

> *"Can you please confirm whether you seek information about 15 Constitution Avenue (which is the address of Allara House) or 13 Constitution Avenue (which is not Allara House) [Canberra ACT], giving different information.*
>
> *For example, ACAT is at Allara House:*
>
> *Attending ACAT - ACAT*
>
> *The ACT Government Solicitor is at 13 Constitution Avenue:*
>
> *Contact Us - ACT Government Solicitor"*

On 10 October 2026, you responded to our correspondence and clarified your request as follows:

> *"Information of occupants sought: 13 Constitution Av"*

On 20 October 2026, I wrote to you advising that your request could not be processed under section 45 of the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (the Act), as the information sought is publicly available. You were also provided with the following advice and links:

> *"Please see the below links to the following details, ACT Government is not the property owner. The only ACT government entity in the building is ACT Government Solicitor, who come under the Justice and Community Safety Directorate.*
>
> - *ACT Directory - Search Results*
> - *Bates Smart designs new addition to Canberra's Constitution Place | ArchitectureAu*
> - *realestate.com.au/property/13-15-constitution-ave-city-act-2601/"*

You were asked whether you wished to withdraw your request on the basis that the information is already publicly available. You were advised that, if you did not wish to withdraw the request, a formal refusal decision would be issued as the information is already publicly available.

On 21 October 2026, you responded to our email and advised:

"I seek the names of ALL the businesses or government departments which have rooms in 13 Constitution Av, Canberra Central."

We subsequently advised you as follows:

> *"13 Constitution Avenue is not an ACT Government owned building. As advised below, the only ACT Government Directorate that uses space in that building is ACT Government Solicitor, who come under the Justice and Community Safety Directorate. In terms of other businesses in the building, that is not something that we can provide you as it is not our building."*

I note that we have not received a response from you to withdraw this request under the FOI Act.

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

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days. Therefore, a decision is due by **20 November 2026.**

Decision on access

I have decided to refuse to deal with your application in full under section 45(a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) because:

- the information sought is already available to you as it is publicly available; and
- the information can be accessed without the need to make an application under the Act.

Charges

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

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.

Yours sincerely



Emma Hotham

Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

22 October 2026