



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD 40/15-16



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request – FOI requests to CMTEDD and campaign donations and fundraiser amounts

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request submitted under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989*, received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 15 January 2016.

In your request you are specifically seeking the following:

“.....the number of FOI request to the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate in 2015 and the number of these that were fully completed;

and

“..... the campaign donations and government fundraiser amounts collect from ACT new car dealers and any individual that had a 5% of more share in a new car dealer ship in the ACT.”

Decision Maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act and have been approved to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

Charges

I have decided under section 29 of the Act not to impose processing charges for this request.

Identification of documents

In relation to the first part of your request, ACT Government Directorates, including the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, report annually on a financial year basis, rather than calendar year on the number of FOI requests received and on access decisions.

The most recently published information is for the 2014 – 15 financial year, and is contained on a whole of government basis in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate’s Annual Report, [section N.2 Freedom of Information](#), accessible on the Justice and Community Safety Directorate’s website at

http://justice.act.gov.au/resources/uploads/JACS/annual-report-2014-2015/seciton_n/freedom_of_information.html.

As reported, in the 2014-15 financial year 213 requests to access documents were received, 165 were completed, 15 were withdrawn and 33 were pending decisions as at 30 June 2015.

In relation to the second part of your request I have interpreted the scope of the request to refer to donations to, and fund raising by, ACT political entities (registered political parties, Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly and associated entities) for ACT election purposes. Disclosure obligations for these activities are covered by the ACT election funding, expenditure and financial disclosure scheme as defined in the *Electoral Act 1992*.

The scheme is administered by the ACT Electoral Commissioner and the staff of Elections ACT. Information on the scheme, including financial disclosure returns, is available on the [Funding and Disclosure page](#) of the Elections ACT website, accessible at http://www.elections.act.gov.au/funding_and_disclosure.

Your right of review

Internal Review

Under section 59 (1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Director-General.

Your request should be addressed to:

Director-General
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your FOI request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Publication Policy

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that the documents relevant to your request, not including your original application, will be published online.

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

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on (02) 6207 8207.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Kirsten Thompson.

Kirsten Thompson
Director
Corporate Management

28 January 2016

