



ACT
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Justice and Community Safety

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Your Reference: FOI request



Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act).

In your application, you sought access to documents regarding rehabilitation programs run by the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) In particular, you sought access to:

" ...

- *A copy of all courses on offer through programmes to address rehabilitation both internally at AMC, and externally in the community.*
- *A copy of the course out lines and guidelines and the duration of each course that runs internally at AMC, and externally in the community.*
- *A copy of the standard operating procedures for both staff and detainees to adhere to whilst participating in rehabilitation programmes.*
- *A copy of the code of conduct for detainees and staff.*
- *A copy of the job description for the facilitators.*
- *A copy of all the facilitators names and their qualifications and the courses that they are employed to facilitate."*

I am the officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

Although the Act facilitates the objective of public access to documents, access is subject to a number of exemption provisions as set out by the Act. Documents in your request are subject to exemptions as set out by section 41(1) and section 43(1) of the Act.

Section 41(1) of the Act details that information may be exempt from release if disclosure under the Act would unreasonably release personal information.

Section 43(1) of the Act details that information may be exempt from release if disclosure under the Act would unreasonably release information that may affect business affairs.

I have decided that some documents are to be fully released and some fully exempted in accordance with the above mentioned exemption provisions. Please see the attached schedule detailing what will be released to you.

I have also 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, and this decision letter, will be published online. For more information about the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy, visit http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online.

Please note, some documents you requested do not exist. "Standard operating procedures for both staff and detainees to adhere to whilst participating in rehabilitation programmes" do not exist. Each program is different and run according to the course outline and workbooks. Progress throughout the course varies depending on the participants' engagement and abilities. The course outlines have been exempted under section 43(1) of the Act (unreasonable release of information which may affect business affairs).

"A copy of all the facilitators names and their qualifications and the courses that they are employed to facilitate" has not been provided to you. Such information is exempted from release under section 41(1) of the Act (unreasonable release of personal information). All facilitators are available to facilitate any of the courses.

You have a right to seek a review of the outcome under section 59 of the Act. You have 28 days from the date of this letter, or such other period as the Director-General permits, to seek a review. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

The Director-General
ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Officer
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Yours sincerely



Bernadette Mitcherson
Executive Director
Corrective Services

/s/ December 2013