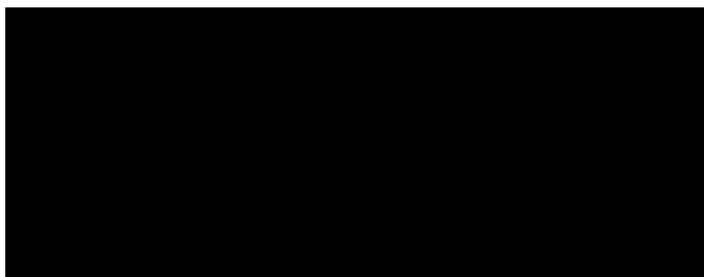




ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD2017/2572



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your access request under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 5 July 2017. As agreed with you your request was placed on hold and processing commenced on 8 August 2017.

In your request you sought:

The total cost of Chief Minister Andrew Barr's recent trip (Mid June to start July) to Singapore, Japan and any other destinations travelled to as part of the trip, including the cost of travel for the delegation. The itinerary for the trip, including any official functions and meetings.

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 and decision on access

Costs

The Chief Minister's delegation to Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan took place between 22 June 2017 and 2 July 2017. The Chief Minister was accompanied by two advisors, and six public servants also attended functions and meetings with the delegation on various occasions. For completeness, I have included the full travel costs for all attendees, although I note that at times the itineraries of the various attendees deviated from the Chief Minister's official itinerary. I also note that not all public servants remained in Asia for the duration of the delegation.

The total cost for the delegation has been divided into Ministerial (including ministerial staff) and Directorate costs.

MINISTERIAL

Total expenditure: \$36,293

DIRECTORATE

Total expenditure: \$57,077

Itineraries

I have decided to release to you all itineraries relevant to the Chief Minister's delegation. As noted above, Directorate staff did not follow the Chief Minister's official itinerary at all times. As some information concerning Directorate staff movements is not fully captured by existing itineraries, I am also releasing to you a created document to detail these variances.

I wish to note that the released itineraries are drafts prepared for planning purposes and some changes to the official itineraries may have occurred during travel. I am advised that the Chief Minister's tour of the Palace Gardens on 28 June 2017, for example, was cancelled due to poor weather, and replaced with an import/export tour focussing on Japan/Australia trade.

I have decided not to release certain information contained in the itineraries that I do not consider to be relevant to the scope of your request, such as preparatory background and meeting notes listed on one itinerary. I have also decided not to release certain information contained in the itineraries relating to personal information for contact details for officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and contact information for transport services and drivers, both for privacy and security reasons.

Exemptions claimed

Documents affecting personal privacy

Section 41 of the Act provides:

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).*

I have decided to exempt from release some names and contact information contained in itineraries as I am satisfied that this is personal information and falls within the exemption set out under section 41(1) of the Act. Further, I consider that this information is immaterial to the scope of your request and its removal does not affect comprehension of the remaining content.

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

c/o Freedom of Information Co-ordinator

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

GPO Box 158

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au

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 Policy

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication Policy and have determined that my decision on your request will be published online. Personal information or business information will not be made available under this policy. 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

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact me on (02) 6207 8207.

Yours sincerely



Kirsten Thompson

Director Corporate Management

28 August 2017