

Our reference: **ACTHDFOI23-24.38**

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Dear [REDACTED],

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Wednesday 06 March 2024**.

This application requested access to:

'Under the FOI Act I would like to be supplied with copies of the subject line of all final Ministerial briefs for both ACT Health and CHS, including attachments, between the 25 January and 6 March 2024 generated for or directed to any ACT Government Minister.

This request includes, wherever possible, the date of the brief, the internal reference, position of authority it was written by, and which Minister it was addressed to.

This request includes briefs prepared for Question Time and Annual Reports.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACTHD under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Monday 22 March 2024**.

The information has been extracted into one document holding the information within the scope of your access application. The document was created for the purpose of your request and captures information sourced from Content Manager and Objective ECM (Record Management Systems).

Decisions

I have decided to grant partial access to one document.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as Attachment A to this letter.

Partial Access

Redactions have been made to information that would reveal deliberations of Cabinet and is therefore taken to be contrary to the public interest to release, under Schedule 1.6 (1)(d) the disclosure of which would reveal any deliberation of Cabinet.

Further deliberations were taken under the public interest test set out in section 17 of the Act. Additional partial redactions were applied where I decided, on balance, the information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the protection of the individual's right to privacy.

Public Interest Factors Favouring Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the disclosure of the documents:

- Schedule 2, 2.1 (a)(i) promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability; and
- Schedule 2, 2.1 (a)(ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.

Public Interest Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the non-disclosure of the documents:

- Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.

On balance, the factors favouring disclosure did not outweigh the factor favouring non-disclosure as the redacted information contains names of constituents that are non-ACT Government employees. Therefore, I determined the information identified is contrary to the public interest and I have decided not to disclose this information.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI 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 published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman

GPO Box 442

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au

Website: ombudsman.act.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
Allara House
15 Constitution Avenue
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Catherine Ellis
Senior Director
Ministerial and Government Services

19 April 2024

ref	title	no date	Minister addressed to	position of authority it was written
MIN2024/00057	Caveat Brief - Confirmed Measles Case in the ACT 24 January 2024		25/01/2024 Minister for Population Health Minister for Health & Minister for	Dr Kerry Coleman, Chief Health Officer
MIN2024/00043	Meeting Brief - Ministers' meeting with ACT Health System Council Chair - 31 January 2024		29/01/2024 Mental Health	Jacinta George, Executive Group Manager, Health System Innovation and Planning
MIN2024/00050	Meeting Brief - ACT Human Rights Commission and Minister Stephen-Smith - 31 January 2024		30/01/2024 Minister for Health	Jodie Junk-Gibson, A/g Executive Group Manager, Policy Partnerships and Programs
MIN2024/00029	Meeting Brief - Meeting with CPSU NCH MI Staff - 1 February 2024		30/01/2024 Minister for Health	Jodie Junk-Gibson, Executive Branch Manager, People Strategy and Culture
MIN2024/00062	Ministerial brief - Freedom of Information (FOI) - ACTHDFOI 23-24.29 - [REDACTED] - The results of the September 2023 Pulse Survey of the ACT Health Directorate		1/02/2024 Minister for Health	Jodie Junk-Gibson, Executive Branch Manager, People Strategy and Culture
MIN2024/00066	Ministerial brief - Chief Psychiatrist Report Executive Summary		2/02/2024 Minister for Mental Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN2024/00072	Ministerial brief - Implementation of additional Medicare Urgent Care Clinics		5/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN2023/00948	Ministerial Brief - Relocation of Gawanggal from the Northern Block of the North Canberra Hospital Campus - Minister for Health (Health)		5/02/2024 Minister for Health & Minister for Mental Health	Liz Lopa, Deputy Director-General, Corporate, Communication and Delivery Dave Pepper, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Health Services
MIN2024/00054	Ministerial Brief - Minister for Population Health - Fixed Site Drug Checking Service Model		7/02/2024 Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
MIN2024/00032	Meeting Brief - Meeting with Stuart Semple, UC Dean of Health - 15 February 2024		8/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
MIN2024/00002	Ministerial Brief - Freedom of Information (FOI) - ACTHDFOI 23-24.27 - [REDACTED] - List of all tenders for the last two years where the final decision maker was the DG		8/02/2024 Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, Executive Group Manager, Corporate and Governance
MIN2024/00061	Ministerial brief - Freedom of Information (FOI) - ACTHDFOI 23-24.28 - [REDACTED] - The November and December 2023 DSD Performance Reports		8/02/2024 Minister for Health	Holger Kaufmann, Chief Information Officer
MIN2023/01014	Ministerial Brief - Freedom of Information (FOI) - ACTHDFOI 23-24.20 - [REDACTED] - ANU Stabbing		9/02/2024 Minister for Mental Health	Jacinta George Executive Group Manager, Health System Innovation and Performance
MIN2024/00092	Ministerial Brief - ACT Health Infrastructure Communications and Engagement Strategy		12/02/2024 Minister for Health	Catherine Loft, Executive Group Manager, Infrastructure, Communications & Engagement
MIN2024/00024	Ministerial Brief brief - Proposal to engage SES member at salary above base		14/02/2024 Chief Minister	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN2024/00100	Ministerial brief - Regulatory Accountability Framework		16/02/2024 Minister for Population Health Minister for Mental Health & Minister	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
MIN2024/00083	Ministerial Brief - Site confirmation - Relocation of Child and Mental Health Services		21/02/2024 for Health	Liz Lopa, Deputy Director-General, Corporate, Communications and Delivery
MIN2024/00112	Meeting Brief - Women's Health Matters - 22 February 2024		21/02/2024 Minister for Health	Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnerships and Programs
MIN2024/00134	Ministerial Brief - 2024-25 Budget Process - Critical and Urgent Initiatives		22/02/2024 Minister for Population Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN2024/00139	Ministerial Brief - Maternity in Focus - Projected Update - 2024 First Quarter		23/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
MIN2024/00129	Ministerial Brief - Pandemic Treaty and International Health Regulations		29/02/2024 Minister for Population Health	Dr Kerry Coleman, Chief Health Officer
MIN2024/00116	Ministerial brief review - Third Party Review - National Health Secretariat - FOI Request 4859 - Documents relating to the Rapid review of Ahpra Reviews		1/03/2024 Minister for Health	Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnerships and Programs
MIN2024/00127	Ministerial Brief - Food Standards Australia New Zealand Board approved variations/notifications - A1271, A1272, A1274 and A1278		1/03/2024 Minister for Population Health	Victor Martin, Executive Branch Manager, Health Protection Service
AHM24/5	HMM OOS 484 - National Board Appointments 2023		28/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
AHM24/10	HMM OOS 486 - National Oral Dental Plan		27/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
AHM24/3	HMM OOS 483 - HST Framework & Joint Chairs		15/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
AHM24/6	HMM OOS 485 - National Digital Health Strategy 2023-28		08/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
AHM23/107	HMM OOS 482 - Strengthening Medicare Update - Implementation of Recommendations		31/01/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/104	Ministerial Brief - Update on voluntary assisted dying and palliative care - March 2024		06/03/2024 Minister for Health	Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnerships and Programs
GBC24/90	Ministerial Brief - Appointment of temporary Care Coordinator 2024		29/02/2024 Minister for Mental Health Minister for Mental Health & Minister	Rebecca Cross, Director-General Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General
GBC24/83	Ministerial Brief - Mental Health/Population Health - Weekly brief - 19 to 23 Feb 2024		29/02/2024 for Population Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/82	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly brief - 19 to 23 Feb 2024		29/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General
GBC24/75	Ministerial Brief - Drafting of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Regulations		29/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/53	Ministerial Brief - Asset Renewal Program 2024-25		29/02/2024 Minister for Health	Liz Lopa, Deputy Director-General, Corporate, Communications and Delivery
GBC24/86	Cabinet - Exposure Submission - [REDACTED]		28/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/35	Ministerial Brief - Scrutiny Response - Report 38 - Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill 2023		27/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/51	Ministerial Brief - Minister for Health - Canberra Region Medical Education Council (CRMEC) appointments		26/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/68	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly brief - 12 to 16 February 2024		23/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General
GBC23/731	Cabinet - Exposure Submission - CAB23/842 - Health (Improved Abortion Access) Amendment Bill 2024 - Combined Pass		23/02/2024 Minister for Health Minister for Mental Health & Minister	Rebecca Cross, Director-General Dr Sarah Miller, Deputy Coordinator-General, Mental Health and Wellbeing
GBC24/69	Ministerial Brief - Mental Health/Population Health Weekly brief - 12 to 16 February 2024		22/02/2024 for Population Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/74	Ministerial Brief - Appointment of temporary Chief Psychiatrist		21/02/2024 Minister for Mental Health Minister for Mental Health & Minister	Rebecca Cross, Director-General Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General
GBC24/59	Ministerial Brief - Health/Population Health Weekly brief - 5 to 9 February 2024		16/02/2024 for Population Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/52	Ministerial Brief - Out of Session circulation of Government Response to Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Report 20 - Inquiry into Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports July - December 2022		16/02/2024 Minister for Population Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/58	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly brief - 5 to 9 February 2024		15/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/32	Ministerial Brief - [REDACTED]		14/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/49	Ministerial Brief - Letter of temporary appointment to the ACT Health System Council		12/02/2024 Minister for Health Minister for Mental Health & Minister	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General
GBC24/44	Ministerial Brief - Health/Population Weekly Brief - 29 Jan-2 Feb 2024		08/02/2024 for Population Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/43	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly Brief - 29 Jan - 2 Feb 2024		08/02/2024 Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/50	Ministerial Brief - Appointment of temporary Chief Psychiatrist to ACT Health Directorate		07/02/2024 Minister for Mental Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC23/761	Cabinet - Exposure Submission - [REDACTED]		07/02/2024 Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General

GBC23/811	Cabinet - Discussion Paper - HSSC - [REDACTED]	05/02/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator General for Mental Health and Wellbeing
GBC24/7	Ministerial Brief - Statement of Performance, Quarter 2, 2023-24	02/02/2024	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/36	Ministerial Brief - Appointment of temporary member to the ACT Health System Council	01/02/2024	Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/29	Ministerial Brief - Mental Health/Population Health Weekly Brief – 22 to 25 January 2024	01/02/2024	Minister for Mental Health & Minister for Population Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/28	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly Brief – 22 to 25 January 2024	01/02/2024	Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General
GBC23/727	Cabinet - Submission - [REDACTED]	01/02/2024	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
COR23/44637	Question Time Brief - Mental Health Subsector Commissioning	31/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator General for Mental Health and Wellbeing
COR23/44636	Question Time Brief - Mental Health Access and Utilisation	31/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Michael Culhane, Executive Group Manager, Policy, Partnerships and Programs
COR23/44635	Question Time Brief - Safe Haven	31/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Cheryl Garrett, Executive Branch Manager, Mental Health Policy and Strategy
COR23/44640	Question Time Brief - Report on Government Services for Mental Health	31/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator General for Mental Health and Wellbeing
COR23/44634	Question Time Brief - Future Planning for Health Services Across the ACT (Mental Health)	31/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health	Jacinta George Executive Group Manager, Health System Innovation and Performance
COR24/175	Question Time Brief - Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Act	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
COR24/174	Question Time Brief - Commissioning for Alcohol and Other Drugs and Blood Borne Virus/Sexually Transmitted Infection sectors	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
COR24/173	Question Time Brief - Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Trial and National Immunisation Program (including Shingrix®)	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Victor Martin, Executive Branch Manager, Health Protection Service
COR24/172	Question Time Brief - Commonwealth e-cigarette reforms	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
COR24/171	Question Time Brief - Air Quality & High-risk weather season	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Victor Martin, Executive Branch Manager, Health Protection Service
COR24/170	Question Time Brief - COVID-19 Inquiry	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
COR24/169	Question Time Brief - Australian Centre for Disease Control establishment	31/01/2024	Minister for Population Health	Maria Travers, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health
GBC24/20	Ministerial Brief - Emergency Department reporting - Quarters 1 & 2 (July to December 2023)	30/01/2024	Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/3	Cabinet - CAB23/21 – (ERC ONLY 13-02-24) December Quarterly Performance Report to the Legislative Assembly - 2023-24 Whole-of-Government Capital Works	30/01/2024	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC24/24	Ministerial Brief - Mental Health/Population Health Weekly Brief – 15 to 19 January 2024	25/01/2024	Minister for Mental Health & Minister for Population Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation
GBC24/23	Ministerial Brief - Health Weekly Brief – 15 to 19 January 2024	25/01/2024	Minister for Health	Robyn Hudson, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation