



Dear 

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 **Thursday 16 June 2022**.

This application requested access to:

'The subject line of all final ministerial briefs from 10th of April 2022 to 10th of May 2022 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, but not for Estimates or Annual Reports.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (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 **Thursday 14 July 2022**.

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 HPE Content Manager (Record Management System).

Decisions

I have decided to grant partial access to the 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.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- The views of relevant third parties; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Partial Access

Redactions have been made on pages 1 and 3 as they are partially comprised of 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) Cabinet Information (d) the disclosure of which would reveal any deliberation of Cabinet.

Redactions on pages 2 and also 3 contain personal information contrary to the public interest to disclose under the test set out in section 17 of the Act.

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

Following the consideration of the above factors I have decided, regarding personal information, the factor favouring non-disclosure outweighed the factors favouring disclosure. Therefore, and I have 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
Level 4, 1 Moore St
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



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Ministerial and Government Services

4 July 2022

Reference	Title	Date to Minister's Office	Minister addressed to	Position of authority it was written
MIN22/614	Initiated Brief - Chief Minister - Rapid Antigen Test Procurement	28/04/2022	Chief Minister	Dr Robyn Walker, Executive Group Manager, COVID-19 Response Branch
MIN22/541	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - COVID-19 Test Centre Opening Hours over 2022 Easter Holiday period	11/04/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Robyn Walker, Executive Branch Manager, Public Health Operations
GBC22/212	Government Business - Chief Health Officer (CHO) Report 25 - 6 April 2022	11/04/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Vanessa Johnston, Acting Chief Health Officer
MIN22/567	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - DSAP Progress Report and Review Mar 2022	13/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
GBC22/203	Government Business - Brief - Minister for Health - S14a and S14b related DHR funding conversion Cabinet Submission - Minister for Health - [REDACTED]	13/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC22/140	[REDACTED] FINAL Cabinet Submission - Minister for Health - CAB21/848 - Update on Gov't Response to 9th Assembly Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services Report 10 - Report on Inquiry into Maternity Services in the ACT (Rec 2)	14/04/2022	Minister for Health	Cherie Hughes, Executive Group Manager
GBC22/181	10 - Report on Inquiry into Maternity Services in the ACT (Rec 2)	14/04/2022	Minister for Health	Cherie Hughes, Executive Group Manager
GBC22/228	Weekly Brief - Minister for Health - 4-8 April 2022	14/04/2022	Minister for Health	Deborah Anton, Deputy Director-General
GBC22/85	Cabinet Submission - CAB22/183 - Ministerial Statement - Assembly Resolution of 13 May 2021- Workplace Culture in the ACT Health Services	14/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC22/205	Final Cabinet Submission - CAB22/23 - Minister for Health - Combined Pass - Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2022	14/04/2022	Minister for Health	Victor Martin, Executive Branch Manager, Health Protection Service
MIN22/587	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Meeting - Culture Reform Oversight Group - 27 April 2022	19/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN22/584	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Monthly Digital Health Record (DHR) Update - 21 April 2022	20/04/2022	Minister for Health	Peter O'Halloran, Chief Information Officer and Executive Group Manager, Digital Solutions Division
GBC22/167	Brief - Controlled Recurrent Payments Rollovers into 2022-23	20/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC22/247	Ministerial Brief - Minister for Health - Government Amendments to the Public Health Amendment Bill 2021 (No. 2)	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, A/g Executive Group Manager, Public Health Division
MIN22/589	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Publication of Listening Report from Community Support Subsector Roundtable (March 2022)	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	George Vallance, A/g Executive Branch Manager, Health Policy and Strategy Branch
GBC22/74	Cabinet Appointments - CAB22/301 - Appointment to the ACT Gene Technology Advisory Council	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	Kristin Blume, Executive Branch Manager, Preventive and Population Health

MIN22/576	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Miowera Kangaroo Cull 2022	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	Liz Lopa, Executive Group Manager, Strategic Infrastructure
MIN22/568	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Endorsement of Better Together: A Strategic Plan for Research in the ACT Health System	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN22/493	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Schedule 7 Poisons	21/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
GBC22/210	Ministerial Brief - Early Intervention Service for Eating Disorders	22/04/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
MIN22/603	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Endorsement of the media release for launch of the National Gene Technology website	22/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
GBC22/133	Initiated brief - Tobacco licence fee changes for pharmacies and medicines wholesalers	22/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
GBC22/236	Weekly Brief - Minister for Health - 11-15 April 2022	26/04/2022	Minister for Health	Chadia Rad, Senior Director, Ministerial and Government Services
GBC22/209	Assembly Business - PRESENTATION PACK Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2022	26/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
MIN22/621	Caveat Brief - Minister for Health - Death Cap Mushroom Poisoning - 27 April 2022	27/04/2022	Minister for Health	Rebecca Cross, Director-General
MIN22/404	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Freedom of Information (FOI) application from [REDACTED] regarding Any food safety inspection reports, improvement notices and prohibition orders related to Hot Star ACTHDFOI 21-22.44	28/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
MIN22/405	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Freedom of Information (FOI) application from [REDACTED] regarding information regarding the closure of Hot Star ACTHDFOI 21-22.47	28/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
MIN22/510	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - ACT Quality Strategy 2018-2028 Review Report	29/04/2022	Minister for Health	Deborah Anton, Deputy Director-General
GBC22/239	Weekly Brief - Minister for Health - 18-22 April 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Health	Deborah Anton, Deputy Director-General
GBC22/193	Assembly - Radiation Protection Amendment Bill 2022 - Debate Pack	29/04/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
MIN22/624	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Freedom of Information (FOI) application from [REDACTED] regarding Personal and government information on COVID-19 operations position and hiring process ACTHDFOI21-22.45	29/04/2022	Minister for Health	Jodie Junk-Gibson, Executive Branch Manager, People Strategy and Culture
MIN22/401	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Freedom of Information (FOI) application from [REDACTED] Information considered by the Chief Health Officer in relation to the planning for a lockdown scenario, prior to 5pm August 12th 2021: ACTHDFOI21-22.	29/04/2022	Minister for Health	Vanessa Dal Molin, Executive Branch Manager, Policy & Support, COVID-19

GBC22/265	Government Business - Chief Health Officer (CHO) Report 26 - May 2022 Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Freedom of Information (FOI) application from [REDACTED] regarding All documents/correspondence to/from the Health Minister's office about nurse numbers etc. ACTHDFOI21-22.48	02/05/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Kerryn Coleman, Chief Health Officer
MIN22/406		04/05/2022	Minister for Health	Anthony Dombkins, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
GBC22/258	Government Business - Treasurer's Advance 2022-23 - ACT Health Directorate	04/05/2022	Minister for Health	Deborah Anton, Deputy Director-General
GBC22/260	Weekly Brief - Minister for Health - 25-29 April 2022	06/05/2022	Minister for Health	Deborah Anton, A/g Director-General
MIN22/659	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Fixed-site pill testing pilot implementation	09/05/2022	Minister for Health	Fiona Barbaro, A/g Executive Group Manager, Population Health Division
MIN22/672	Caveat brief - Minister for Health - Update on the COVID-19 Outbreak at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) – May 2022 Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Review of COVID-19 Public Health Social Measures: Changes to Check I CBR Requirements and implementation of a new Health Screening Tool.	09/05/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Kerryn Coleman, Chief Health Officer
MIN22/661		10/05/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Kerryn Coleman, Chief Health Officer and Peter O'Halloran, Chief Information Officer
MIN22/668	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Extension of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19	10/05/2022	Minister for Health	Dr Kerryn Coleman, Chief Health Officer
MIN22/496	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health / Chief Minister - Options for a 2022 ACT Government Influenza Vaccination Program	12/04/2022	Minister for Health/ Chief Minister	Dr Robyn Walker, A/g Chief Health Officer
MIN22/556	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Changes to public-facing website: health.act.gov au	13/04/2022	Minister for Health/ Minister for Mental Health	Jo Spencer, Executive Branch Manager Communications and Engagement
MIN22/473	Ministerial Brief / Caveat Brief - Minister for Health/Minister for Environment - Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) outbreak in eastern Australia	13/04/2022	Minister for Health/ Minister for the Environment	Dr Vanessa Johnston, Acting Chief Health Officer and Ian Walker, Executive Group Manager, Environment Heritage and Water
GBC22/261	Weekly Brief - Minister for Mental Health - 25-29 April 2022	05/05/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
GBC22/285	Government Business - Revocation of MMHU as an approved mental health facility FINAL Cabinet Submission - Minister for Mental Health - [REDACTED]	09/05/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Deborah Anton, A/g Director-General
GBC22/251	[REDACTED]	10/05/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
GBC22/229	Weekly Brief - Minister for Mental Health - 4-8 April 2022 Cabinet Submission (EXPOSURE DRAFT - [REDACTED])	14/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
GBC22/96	[REDACTED]	26/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health

COR22/12250	QTB #12 - Mental Health - Veteran Mental Health - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12249	QTB #11 - Mental Health - Drug Therapy - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12248	QTB #10 - Mental Health - Mental Health and Suicide Prevention National Agreement - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12246	QTB #9 - Mental Health - Suicide Prevention Programs - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12245	QTB #8 - Mental Health - Future planning for Health Services Across the ACT - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Jacinta George, Executive Group Manager, Health Systems, Planning and Evaluation
COR22/12243	QTB #7 - Mental Health - Expanding Public Services for Eating Disorders (EPHSED) in the Territory Project - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12242	QTB #6 - Mental Health - Youth Navigation Portal - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12240	QTB #5 - Mental Health - Safe Haven - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12238	QTB #3 - Mental Health - Culture Review (Mental Health) - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Jodie Junk-Gibson, Executive Branch Manager, People Strategy and Culture
COR22/12235	QTB #1 - Mental Health - COVID-19 and Mental Health – impacts and ACT funded supports - May 2022	29/04/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Elizabeth Moore, Coordinator-General, Mental Health
COR22/12239	QTB #4 - Mental Health - Mental Health Access & Utilisation - May 2022	03/05/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Peter O'Halloran, Chief Information Officer and Executive Group Manager, Digital Solutions Division
COR22/12237	QTB #2 Mental Health - COVID-19 - Calvary mental health unit COVID Changes - May 2022	04/05/2022	Minister for Mental Health	Dr Dinesh Arya, Chief Medical Officer