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Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your rescoped application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Wednesday 14 July 2021**.

This application requested access to:

'The subject line of all final ministerial briefs since 14 June 2021, including dates, positions of authority it was written by and addressed to, generated for or directed to the below Ministers:

- *Chief Minister*
- *Deputy Chief Minister*
- *Minister for Early Childhood Development*
- *Minister for Education and Youth Affairs*
- *Minister for Housing and Suburban Development*
- *Minister for Women*
- *Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence*
- *Minister for Sport and Recreation*
- *Manager of Government Business*
- *Minister for Planning and Land Management*
- *Minister for Police and Emergency Services*
- *Minister for Corrections*
- *Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety*
- *Attorney-General*
- *Minister for Consumer Affairs*
- *Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction*
- *Minister for Gaming*
- *Minister for Health*
- *Minister for Families and Community Services*
- *Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*
- *Minister for Transport and City Services*
- *Minister for Skills*
- *Special Minister of State*
- *Minister for the Arts*
- *Minister for Business and Better Regulation*
- *Minister for Human Rights*
- *Minister for Multicultural Affairs*
- *Minister for the Environment*
- *Minister for Heritage*
- *Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services*

- *Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction*
- *Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services*
- *Minister for Disability*
- *Minister for Justice Health*
- *Minister for Mental Health*

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 Wednesday 11 August 2021 but with your agreement this date was extended to **Friday 20 August 2021**.

The information has been extracted into two documents holding the information within the scope of your access application. These are outlined in the schedule of documents included at [Attachment A](#) to this decision letter. The document was created for the purpose of your request and captures information sourced from HPE Content Manager (Record Management System).

Decision on access

I have decided to grant partial access to document one and full access to document two. My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as [Attachment B](#) 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; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Partial Access

Partial redactions have been made to document one as they contain information that could 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 (other than through the official publication of a Cabinet decision) and has not been disclosed. Document one also contains redactions to personal information.

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



Sallyanne Pini
A/g Executive Branch Manager
Office of the Director-General

20 August 2021

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/public-information/consumers/freedom-information>

APPLICANT NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	FILE NUMBER
	<p><i>The subject line of all final ministerial briefs since 14 June 2021, including dates, positions of authority it was written by and addressed to, generated for or directed to the below Ministers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chief Minister</i> • <i>Deputy Chief Minister</i> • <i>Minister for Early Childhood Development</i> • <i>Minister for Education and Youth Affairs</i> • <i>Minister for Housing and Suburban Development</i> • <i>Minister for Women</i> • <i>Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence</i> • <i>Minister for Sport and Recreation</i> • <i>Manager of Government Business</i> • <i>Minister for Planning and Land Management</i> • <i>Minister for Police and Emergency Services</i> • <i>Minister for Corrections</i> • <i>Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety</i> • <i>Attorney-General</i> • <i>Minister for Consumer Affairs</i> • <i>Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction</i> 	<p>ACTHDFOI21-22.05</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minister for Gaming</i> • <i>Minister for Health</i> • <i>Minister for Families and Community Services</i> • <i>Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs</i> • <i>Minister for Transport and City Services</i> • <i>Minister for Skills</i> • <i>Special Minister of State</i> • <i>Minister for the Arts</i> • <i>Minister for Business and Better Regulation</i> • <i>Minister for Human Rights</i> • <i>Minister for Multicultural Affairs</i> • <i>Minister for the Environment</i> • <i>Minister for Heritage</i> • <i>Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services</i> • <i>Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction</i> • <i>Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services</i> • <i>Minister for Disability</i> • <i>Minister for Justice Health</i> • <i>Minister for Mental Health</i> <p><i>This request includes briefs prepared for Question Time, but not for Estimates or Annual Reports.</i></p>				
Ref Number	Page Number	Description	Date	Status Decision	Factor	Open Access release status
1.	1	Briefs list to Minister for Health	14 June 2021 – 14 July 2021	Partial Release	Schedule 1, 1.6 Cabinet & Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
2.	2	Briefs list to Minister for Mental Health & Justice Health	14 June 2021 – 14 July 2021	Full Release		YES
Total Number of Documents						
2						

Record Number	Title	Business Unit
MIN21/974	AIHW Report - Australia's mothers and babies - to be released on 28 June 2021	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/944	AIHW Report - National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Monitoring Report 2021 - to be released on 23 June 2021	Preventive & Population Health
MIN21/909	Event - Minister for Health (Ms Joy Burch MLA representing) - Kambera House Opening - Tuesday 29 June 2021	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/778	Event - Minister for Health - Opening of Clare Holland House Expansion - Friday 25 June 2021 at 11:50pm-1 00pm	Strategic Infrastructure - ACT Health Directorate
MIN21/910	EVENT - Minister for Health -The Essential Network – mental health resources for health professionals - Monday 28 June 11.30am-1pm	Professional Leadership and Education
MIN21/988	Initiated Brief (Minister for Health) - ACT Public Health Services Quarterly Performance Report for Quarter 3, 2020-21	Digital Solutions Division
MIN21/1121	Initiated Brief (Minister for Health): Canberra Hospital Master Plan: Phase 2 Consultation and Engagement	Strategic Infrastructure - ACT Health Directorate
MIN21/967	Initiated Brief - Chief Minister / Minister for Health - Quarantine Arrangements at Davey Lodge for Special Purpose Aircraft (VIP) Flight arriving into the ACT on 17 June 2021	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/1034	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Development of an ACT Local Hospital Network Performance and Accountability Framework: Phase One	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/365	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - ACT Health Directorate Procurement of CASP services beyond June 2022	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/955	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Analysis of the Australian Government response to the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and considerations for the ACT Government	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/886	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Ceasing hotel quarantine – ACT Health Directorate - [REDACTED] - FOI21/17	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/971	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Coombs Health Hub sub-lease	Strategic Infrastructure - ACT Health Directorate
MIN21/954	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Culture Review Oversight Group Meeting 29 June 2021 - Agenda and Meeting Papers	Culture Review Implementation - ACT Health
MIN21/220	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Drug and Alcohol Sentencing List (DASL) client throughput, services offered, cost of contracts and next steps.	Preventive & Population Health
MIN21/1081	Initiated brief - Minister for Health - Local Hospital Network (LHN) governance in other jurisdictions	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1122	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Longlist National Work Program on Data Sharing	Digital Solutions Division
MIN21/407	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Nurse Practitioner Professional Practice Project	Professional Leadership and Education
MIN21/972	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Pfizer vaccine 50-59 year olds (ATAGI advice)	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/968	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Proposal for a National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry as part of the National Dust Diseases Taskforce Final Report	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/855	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Proposed CHS Strategic and Accountability Indicators 2021-22	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1170	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Residential Aged Care Facilities - COVID-19 Vaccination of Staff	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/926	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Residential Aged Care Facilities – COVID-19 Vaccination of Staff	Office of Chief Health Officer
MIN21/823	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - Response to ACT Council of Social Service Inc (ACTCOSS) Position Statement on Commissioning and Procurement	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1062	Initiated Brief - Minister for Health - To provide an update on the progress of the proposed changes to chemotherapy service arrangements at the Zita Mary Clinic, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1082	Initiated Joint Brief - Minister for Health - Release of the ACT Approach to Commissioning	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1107	Joint Brief / Meeting (ACT Health and CSD) with Minister for Health - 9 July 2021 at 11.30am	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1000	Meeting (Minister for Health) - Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) - 21 July 2021 at 2.00-3.00pm	Preventive & Population Health
MIN21/911	Meeting - Minister for Health - Calvary National CEO - Friday 25 June 2021	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1097	Meeting - Minister for Health - Medical Technology Association - Tuesday 13 July 2021 3 00 PM-4 00 PM	Policy Partnership & Programs
MIN21/957	Meeting - Minister for Health - Meeting with UC VC and Dean of Health - 22 July 2021, 3.00pm	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/1119	Meeting - Minister for Health - National Health Co-op Administrators - Monday 12 July 2021 at 1:30pm	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/773	Meeting - Minister for Health - Violet Chief Executive - Wednesday, 28 July 2021 4 00 PM-5:00 PM	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/933	Meeting - Minister for Health - Workload and Underfunding concerns in the Medical Imaging Department at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce - Tuesday 20 July 11.00am-12.00pm	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/557	Meeting - Minister for Health and [REDACTED] - Discuss improving outcomes for children and young people with cancer in the ACT - 7 July 2021 - 11.30am-12.30pm	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/917	Ministerial Brief - Minister for Health - Commissioning of Services in the Community – The Commissioning Roadmap	Health System Planning & Evaluation
MIN21/682	Visit - Minister for Health - Calvary Emergency Department - Friday 2 July 2021 - 1.30pm-2.30pm	Health System Planning & Evaluation
GBC21/357	Minister for Health - Weekly Brief week of 15- 21 June 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/365	Letter from Minister Hunt - Health National Cabinet Reform Committee Out of Session Agreement to amended operating protocols	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/369	Minister for Health - Weekly Brief week of 22- 28 June 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/372	Ministerial Brief - Minister for Health - Withdraw Legislation - Public Health (COVID 19) Amendment Bill 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/374	Cabinet Submission (EXPOSURE) - Minister for Health - RESTRICTED - COVID-19 2020-21 Expenditure Report – July - May YTD (CAB21/413)	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/377	Cabinet Submission (FINAL) - Minister for Health - Final Report LGBTIQ+ Health Scoping Study (CAB2021/242)	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/385	Minister for Health - Weekly Brief week of 29 June - 2 July 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/407	Minister for Health - Weekly Brief week of 5-9 July 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/412	Cabinet Submission - Minister for Health - [REDACTED]	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/413	Cabinet Spring 2021 Legislation Program COMEBACK Briefing	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/414	Chief Health Officer update on Status of public health emergency - report 16- 10 July 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/418	Cabinet meeting brief - Minister for Health - 21/109 2021-22 to 2024-25 Indicative Land Release Program (ILRP) and 2021-22 Housing Targets	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)

Record Number	Title	Business Unit
MIN21/1103	AIHW Report - Indigenous Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Clearinghouse - public release on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 12:01am.	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/993	Event - Minister for Mental Health - Queer Zumbathon - International Pride Month - 26 June 2021 at 5-7pm	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/900	Event - Minister for Mental Health - Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists -Friday, 18 June, 6.00pm - 8 00pm	Professional Leadership and Education
MIN21/915	EVENT: Minister for Mental Health - The Essential Network – Mental Health resources for health professionals - Monday 28 June 11.30am-1pm	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
MIN21/1007	Initiated Brief (Minister for Mental Health): ACT Recovery College (the College) Evaluation Final Report	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/889	Initiated brief - Minister for Mental Health - Safe Haven Café Community Site	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/1068	Meeting - Minister for Mental Health - Tuggeranong Community Council 6 July 2021 at 7:40pm-8:40pm	Policy, Partnership & Programs
MIN21/996	Meeting - Minister for Mental Health - Mental Health Advisory Council - 14 July 2021 at 10.00-10.30am	MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING - COORDINATOR GENERAL
GBC21/355	Cabinet Submission (FINAL) - Minister for Mental Health - Heads of Agreement on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (CAB21/391)	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/358	Minister for Mental Health - Weekly Brief week of 15 - 21 June 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/368	Minister for Mental Health - Weekly Brief week of 22 - 28 June 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/386	Minister for Mental Health - Weekly Brief week of 29 June - 2 July 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/394	Briefing for Minister for Mental Health - Coronial Forum	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/399	Letter to Chief Minister – Withdrawal of 2021-22 Phase two Business Case	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)
GBC21/408	Minister for Mental Health - Weekly Brief week of 5-9 July 2021	MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT (MAG)