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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 **Friday 10 June 2022**.

This application requested access to:

- *the number of stillbirths in the ACT for every year 2001 – 2021*
- *the number of miscarriages in the ACT for every year 2001 - 2021.*

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 **Monday 11 July 2022**.

ACTHD have created a document holding the information within scope of your access application that is held by the Directorate about stillbirths. The Directorate does not record or have access to the number of miscarriages in the ACT. There is not requirement or system for tracking this information.

Decisions

I have decided to grant full access to 1 document.

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

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the information that falls within the scope of your request; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

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 Your personal contact details will not be published.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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Year of baby's birth	2 Stillborn Count
2001	35
2002	36
2003	54
2004	33
2005	48
2006	49
2007	41
2008	57
2009	44
2010	67
2011	44
2012	52
2013	41
2014	61
2015	46
2016	49
2017	65
2018	47
2019	42
2020	46

2021 data is not yet available

Source: ACT Maternal Perinatal Data Collection, 2008