

Our reference: **ACTHDFOI21-22.41**

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 **Tuesday 15 February 2022** after a transferral from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD).

This application requested access to:

'The ACT's own version of NSW's Covid 19 weekly surveillance report. (the ACT version is scant on detailed information) It would include the following information. 1 Jan 2020 to 15 June 2021 (Pre delta) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests 16 June 2021 to 25 Nov 2021 (Delta) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests 26 Nov 2021 to 22 Jan 2022 (Omicron) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests A table with the below information: 3 Doses 2 Doses 1 Dose No dose Under investigation Vaccination Status of Covid 19 cases in the ACT Total Cases of Covid 19 in the ACT Hospitalised (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Hospitalised and in ICU (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Death (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Also I would like access to the age range of the cases who died and whether they died in a hospital and/or aged care facility'

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 16 March 2022**.

I have identified 52 documents holding the information within scope of your access application. These are outlined in the schedule of documents included at Attachment A to this decision letter.

Decisions

I have decided to refuse access to 52 documents. These documents are wholly comprised of information classified as Cabinet documents, and under Schedule 1.6 (1) Cabinet Information, they are taken to be contrary to the public interest to release. Schedule 1.6 (1) provides that Cabinet Information is information that:

- Schedule 1.6 (1)(a) that has been submitted, or that a Minister proposes to submit, to Cabinet for its consideration and that was brought into existence for that purpose; and

- Schedule 1.6 (1)(b) that is an official record of Cabinet; and
- Schedule 1.6 (1)(d) the disclosure of which would reveal any deliberation of Cabinet (other than through the official publication of a Cabinet decision).

The information sought, officially titled 'COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC', have been prepared for the Security and Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to monitor the COVID-19 situation in the ACT and take necessary actions where required. The SEMC is a committee of Cabinet, and therefore considered as Cabinet under *Schedule 1.6 (3) Cabinet includes a Cabinet committee or subcommittee*. As such, these documents are classified as Cabinet documents for the purpose of all subsections of Schedule 1.6.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Keene', written in a cursive style.

Toby Keene
Executive Branch Manager
Public Health Operations, COVID-19

16 March 2022

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
[REDACTED]	The ACT's own version of NSW's Covid 19 weekly surveillance report. (the ACT version is scant on detailed information) It would include the following information. 1 Jan 2020 to 15 June 2021 (Pre delta) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests 16 June 2021 to 25 Nov 2021 (Delta) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests 26 Nov 2021 to 22 Jan 2022 (Omicron) PCR Tests Hospitalised Admitted to ICU Deaths PCR Tests A table with the below information: 3 Doses 2 Doses 1 Dose No dose Under investigation Vaccination Status of Covid 19 cases in the ACT Total Cases of Covid 19 in the ACT Hospitalised (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Hospitalised and in ICU (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Death (% of total cases) of cases in the ACT Also I would like access to the age range of the cases who died and whether they died in a hospital and/or aged care facility	ACTHDFOI21-22.41

Ref Number	Page Number	Description	Date	Status Decision	Factor	Open Access release status
1.	1 – 2	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	05/05/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

2.	3 – 4	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	27/05/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
3.	5 – 6	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	03/06/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
4.	7 – 8	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	11/06/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
5.	9 – 10	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	24/06/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
6.	11 – 12	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	01/07/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
7.	13 – 15	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	09/07/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
8.	16 – 18	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	14/07/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
9.	19 – 21	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	30/07/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
10.	22 – 25	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	19/08/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
11.	26 – 29	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	16/09/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

12.	30 – 33	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	30/09/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
13.	34 – 38	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	14/10/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
14.	39 – 44	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	28/10/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
15.	45 – 50	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	04/11/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
16.	51 – 56	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	15/11/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
17.	57 – 63	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	10/12/2020	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
18.	64 – 69	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	14/01/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
19.	70 – 75	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	28/01/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
20.	76 – 80	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	06/02/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
21.	81 – 87	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	11/02/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

22.	88 – 93	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	25/02/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
23.	94 – 99	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	11/03/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
24.	100 – 105	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	25/03/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
25.	106 – 111	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	08/04/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
26.	112 – 117	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	22/04/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
27.	118 – 122	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	06/05/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
28.	123 – 127	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	20/05/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
29.	128 – 132	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	26/05/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
30.	133 – 137	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	03/06/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
31.	138 – 142	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	17/06/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

32.	143 - 147	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	01/07/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
33.	148 – 152	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	15/07/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
34.	153 – 157	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	29/07/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
35.	158 – 162	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	11/08/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
36.	163 – 170	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	25/10/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
37.	171 – 179	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	31/10/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
38.	180 – 187	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	07/11/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
39.	188 – 196	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	15/11/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
40.	197 – 205	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	29/11/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
41.	206 – 215	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	06/12/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

42.	216 – 225	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	13/12/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
43.	226 – 235	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	20/12/2021	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
44.	236 – 244	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	10/01/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
45.	245 – 253	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	17/01/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
46.	254 – 262	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	24/01/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
47.	263 – 267	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	31/01/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
48.	268 – 272	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	06/02/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
49.	273 – 280	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	14/02/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
50.	281 – 286	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	21/02/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
51.	287 – 293	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	28/02/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO

52.	294 – 304	COVID-19 Public Health Monitoring Report for SEMC	07/03/2022	Refuse Release	Sch 1.6(1)(a), Sch 1.6(1)(b), Sch 1.6(1)(d)	NO
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