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Dear Mr Koutsantonis

Freedom of Information Determination

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received by the Department for Correctional Services (the Department) on 19 July 2021, seeking access to:

A list of all public servants seconded to the former and current Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Office, including start and finish dates and position title.

From 22/03/2018 to 7/07/2021

The number of complaints, concerns, conflict or dispute avoidances, request for transfers and worker compensation claims raised by staff employed in the former and current Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Office

From 22/03/2018 to 7/07/2021

Any documents that refer to complaints, concerns, conflict or dispute avoidances, request for transfers and worker compensation claims raised by staff employed in the former and current Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Office.

From 22/03/2018 to 7/07/2021

In relation to the first part of your request, a search of the Department's records has identified the information below which has been provided in a scheduled table for ease of reference. In accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), I have determined that the information can be released in part.

Employees seconded to Ministers Office 22/3/2018 to 07/07/2021

Surname	Name	Position Title	Start Date	Finish Date	
Clause 6(1)		Office Manager	10/08/2020	7/07/2021	DCS
		Ministerial Liaison Officer	17/08/2021	7/07/2021	DCS
		Office Manager	8/04/2019	7/07/2021	DCS
		PA to Minister	24/08/2020	16/04/2021	
		Senior Business Support Officer	17/08/2020	7/07/2021	
		Ministerial Liaison Officer	14/07/2020	7/07/2021	

Because information released under FOI is deemed to be available to the world at large, the FOI Act contains exemptions and limitations which can preclude or restrict the release of documents or certain information contained within those documents. A more detailed explanation of the specific clause 6(1) relied upon is set out below.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal affairs

I have determined that the information contains information that identifies individuals who are referred to in departmental documents, the release of which would constitute an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning their personal affairs. This information falls within the definition of personal affairs under the FOI Act; therefore, the information is exempt by virtue of Schedule 1, clause 6(1) which provides that:

6—Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Personal affairs include, but are not limited to, names, addresses and telephone numbers, medical records, criminal history and personal information of third parties (other than the applicant). I have determined that the information falls into the category of 'personal affairs' in relation to the names of the employees and that the disclosure of this information would be unreasonable. The names of the employees constitutes personal qualities or tributes and involves matters of private concern to the individuals and also includes the composite collection of activities personal to the individuals concerned.

In relation to the latter two parts of your request, pursuant to section 23(1)(b) of the FOI Act I advise that, following searches conducted throughout the agency, no documents have been located within scope of your application. Based on searches and enquiries made within the Department, I have come to the conclusion that the documents never existed.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may seek an internal review by writing to the Chief Executive, Department for Correctional Services within 30 days of receipt of this letter. A fact sheet outlining your rights to review and appeal is available at <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/foi-publications-reports>.

Should you require further information or clarification on this matter, please contact me on telephone 8226 9324.

Yours sincerely



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Accredited FOI Officer