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Our Ref: 25-1775  
Your Ref: 20764325  
Telephone: 8207 5555

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Dear [Redacted]

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

*“1. Police General Order on Police use of Interpreters 2. Police General Order on police interviewing of suspects and witnesses generally and/or with the use of an interpreter”*

On the 13 January 2025, one of my staff contacted you via telephone seeking clarification on the scope of your request. You confirmed you are seeking the excerpts only of the General Order – Interpreters for the Use of Interpreters and the Interview Procedure.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located a document that falls within the scope of your request. The document is numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE		
No.	Document Description	Status
1	General Order – Interpreters (excerpt only)	Full Release

An excerpt of the General Order has been considered as the other parts of this document are outside the scope of your request. In assessing the overall structure of the document, I consider the document consists of standing orders relating to multiple different topics. Whilst the document does contain information relative to your application for access, I consider the remaining parts of the document to have no bearing on your application. The fact that the information you seek is contained in the document alongside other unrelated information is solely by virtue of the structure of the document.



While the segments of the document are connected via a common theme; Interpreters, I consider it appropriate that each heading be treated as a different entry, similar to a chapter of a book, or an entry of a diary. Without creating a new document, provision of an excerpt of the document in redacted form is the most efficient manner in which to provide the document. I therefore consider the information not marked as out of scope to be the only information within scope of your request.

**Disclosure Log**

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, including the information and/or documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at: [https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf).

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 21 February 2025.

Yours sincerely



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15 January 2025