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Our Ref: 25-1773
Your Ref: 20763124
Telephone: 8207 5555



Dear 

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:

*“Any documents concerning the incident on a bus in Thebarton on 1 January 2025 showing:
- How many police attended and the police response time - How many paddy wagons attended - How many trips the paddy wagon had to make - The locations each of those arrested were taken to for holding.”*

During a telephone conversation with your office on 24 January 2025 it was confirmed that you do not require actual documents and would prefer short answers to the four questions within the above scope.

In relation to this part of your request:

“How many police attended and the police response time”

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located information that falls within the scope of this part of your request and agree to **release this information to you in full**.

28 police officers attended this incident. This first patrol attended three minutes and nine seconds after being dispatched. Eight police vehicles arrived at the scene within 14 minutes of SAPOL receiving the call.



In relation to this part of your request:

“The locations each of those arrested were taken to for holding”

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located information that falls within the scope of this part of your request and agree to **release this information to you in full**.

There was a total of 19 people arrested. Seven people were taken to the Port Adelaide cell complex and 12 were taken to the Adelaide City Watchhouse.

In relation to these parts of your request:

“How many paddy wagons attended - How many trips the paddy wagon had to make”

Consultation has taken place with the officer in charge of Western District Operations who advises information relating to these parts of your request is not available.

Due to the fast-evolving nature of this incident it was necessary for police to swap vehicles throughout the incident to provide adequate resources as it unfolded; SAPOL is therefore unable to determine how many caged police vehicles were in attendance and how many trips each one was required to make.

It is therefore deemed that no documents exist relative to these parts of your request.

As SAPOL hold no documents relative to these parts of your request and parts one and two have been released in full, this determination holds no review rights. Should you be dissatisfied, a complaint can be made to the Ombudsman under the *Ombudsman Act 1972*.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and any documents or information 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.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 13 March 2025.

Yours sincerely



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(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

28 January 2025