



Office of the Chief Executive

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Dear Ms Sanderson

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received on 21 November 2017. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. You have requested a copy of the following:

*"I request data regarding all children in residential care both government run and non government run for the financial year 2016/17 relating to:*

- *Numbers of incidents of absconding*
- *Numbers of pregnancies*
- *Numbers of hospital admissions*
- *Property damage total or per property*
- *Criminal charges broken down by offence category."*

In relation to your specific requests for information, I advise as follows:

Numbers of incidents of absconding

Data for missing persons reports show 5,106 reports of young people going missing during the 16/17 financial year. This represents a total of 205 young people with 92 from DCP residential care and 113 from NGO residential care.

Numbers of pregnancies

Pregnancy data is not readily available.

Numbers of hospital admissions

Hospital admission data is not readily available.

Property damage total or per property

Available data that reports on critical incidents has identified 135 properties that have been damaged in DCP residential care.

Criminal charges broken down by offence category.

Criminal charges data is not readily available.

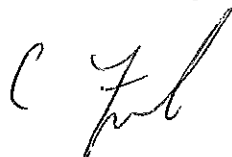
There are no costs levied for the processing of your application.

If you have any questions regarding this determination please contact me on telephone (08) 8226 6622.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you can seek an Internal Review by writing to the Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection as the Principal Officer of this agency. Your request should be sent within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

I have also enclosed a copy of your rights to review and appeal this determination, which explains your review options.

Yours sincerely

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

Christian Fenech  
**ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

19 January 2018

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991**  
**YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW AND APPEAL**

### 1. INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied or "aggrieved" with certain decisions or "determinations" of an agency/council/university (regarding access to documents or amendment of records), under S.29 and S.38 of the *Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1991*, you can apply to the agency/council/university concerned for an internal review of its determination.

To apply for an internal review of a determination you must write a letter addressed to the Principal Officer or lodge an internal review application form with the same agency/council/university as made the determination. This also must be addressed to the Principal Officer. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (if applicable). The application should be lodged within 30 days of the original determination.

The agency/council/university will undertake its internal review and advise you of its decision within 14 days of receipt of the application.

There is no right to an internal review of a determination made by a Minister or Principal Officer of an agency/council/university.

### 2. INVESTIGATION BY THE OMBUDSMAN/POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY

After an internal review has been completed, if you are still dissatisfied with the agency/council/university's determination, you can request an external review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority of the determination. The Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority is empowered to investigate the conduct of any person or body in relation to a determination made by an agency/council/university under this Act. (If an application determination was made by a police officer, or the Minister responsible for the administration of the SA Police, applications for external review are made to the Police Complaints Authority. All other applications for external review should be made to the Ombudsman.)

You may also request an external review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority if you have no right to an internal review.

The application for review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority should be lodged within 30 days of the after the date of a determination.

Investigations by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority are free. Further information is available from the Office of the Ombudsman or Police Complaints Authority.

### 3. REVIEW BY SACAT

You have a right to apply for a review by SACAT if you are unhappy with:

- a determination not subject to Internal Review
- an Internal Review determination, or
- the outcome of a review by the Ombudsman SA or the Police Ombudsman.

You must exercise your right of review with SACAT within 30 calendar days after being advised of the above types of determinations or the results of a review. Any costs will be determined by SACAT, where applicable.

For more information contact SACAT. Contact Details:  
**South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal**  
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