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Ms Jayne Stinson MP
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Dear Ms Stinson

I refer to your Freedom of Information application to the Office of the Minister for Child Protection made under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (FOI Act), received on 12 April 2019. Your application sought access to:

"From 17 March 2018 to 31 July 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries, letters and any other physical correspondence) regarding annual Christmas lunch or end of year celebration arrangements for foster carers and kinship carers."

A search was conducted for documents held by the Office of the Minister for Child Protection with no documents identified as falling within the scope of your request.

Please be aware that in accordance with Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information, this agency is required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the FOI Act.

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) 8303 2023.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you can seek an Internal Review by writing to the Hon Rachel Sanderson MP, Minister for Child Protection as the Principal Officer. 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



Damian Leach
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer
Office of the Minister for Child Protection

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FOI FACT SHEET

Your Rights to Review and Appeal

South Australian *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

Please read the information in this fact sheet before completing the attached application form

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are unhappy with a determination made by an agency (includes South Australian State Government Agency, Local Government Council or University) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act) in relation to:

- a freedom of information (FOI) application for access to a document, or
- an FOI application for amendment to your personal records

in most cases, you are entitled to apply for an Internal Review of that determination.

Request an Internal Review

An Internal Review must be lodged within 30 calendar days of you receiving advice of a determination that you are unhappy with.

Applications must be made in writing in accordance with Section 29 or Section 38 of the FOI Act or using the attached *FOI Application Form for Internal Review of a Determination* (Internal Review Form).

An Internal Review application must be made to the Principal Officer of the agency that made the determination you are seeking to have reviewed.

How much does an Internal Review cost?

There is an application fee of **\$35.00** that must be paid when you lodge your Internal Review application if your review request is for access to documents.

There is no application fee for an Internal Review of an FOI application for amendment to your personal records.

Agencies generally accept payment by cash, money order or cheque. If you would like to pay by credit card you will need to ask the agency if they are able to accept credit card payments.

If, as a result of an Internal Review an agency changes or reverses a determination so that access to a document is, or will be, given, the agency will refund the Internal Review application fee paid by the applicant, where applicable.

What if I have a concession card or can't afford to pay?

If you are the holder of a current concession card or if you can satisfy the agency that the payment of the application fee would cause financial hardship, the agency must waive or remit (reduce or refund) it.

If you are a concession cardholder you will need to provide evidence e.g. attach a copy of your concession card when you make the application. Alternatively you will need to give written reasons as to why the payment of a fee would cause you financial hardship.

How long does an Internal Review take?

You will be advised of the outcome of your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days of it being received by the agency.

If the agency does not deal with your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days (or you remain unhappy with the outcome of the Internal Review) you are entitled to an External Review

by the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively you may apply for a review by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). See the External Review section below.

When can't I apply for an Internal Review?

If the original application determination was made by the Principal Officer of an agency rather than another accredited FOI Officer within the agency, you cannot apply for an Internal Review. However, you can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman SA or apply for a review by SACAT.

EXTERNAL REVIEW

After an Internal Review has been completed, or where you are unable to apply for an Internal Review, and you are unhappy with the determination, you have the right to apply for an External Review. All applications for External Review should be made to the Ombudsman SA.

How long will an External Review take and how much will it cost?

If you wish to make an application for an External Review you must do so within 30 calendar days after being notified of the determination. However, the Ombudsman SA can extend this time limit at their discretion. There is no fee or charge for External Reviews undertaken by the Ombudsman.

Contact Details:

Ombudsman SA

Phone: 8226 8699

Toll Free: 1800 182 150 (within SA)

Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au

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.

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 (SACAT)

Phone: 1800 723 767

Email: sacat@sacat.sa.gov.au