



Office of the Chief Executive

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Dear Ms Sanderson

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received on 12 January 2018. You have requested a copy of the following:

"I request the numbers of foster carer households and kinship care households as at 30 June 2015 and 30 December 2015".

The Corporate FOI Officer from the Office of the Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection telephoned your office on 16 January 2018 to clarify the requested date range of 30 June 2015 and 30 December 2015. It was agreed to amend the date range from 30 June 2015 to 31 December 2015.

In relation to your specific questions, I advise as follows:

As at 30 June 2015:

Foster carer households: 1,218 (comprising 950 registered and 268 on-hold carers)
Kinship carer households: 596 (comprising 577 registered and 19 on-hold carers).

As at 31 December 2015:

Foster carer households: 1,170 (comprising 938 registered and 232 on-hold carers)
Kinship carer households: 610 (comprising 590 registered and 20 on-hold carers).

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

12 February 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 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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