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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 12 November 2020, in which you are seeking access to information under *the Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act); specifically:

“individual primary school in the ACT projected enrolments for 2021”

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

A decision on your access application is due by 10 December 2020, in line with section 40(2) of the Act.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and one document was identified that falls within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant partial access to the aforementioned document, with deletions applied to information that was not within the scope of the request.

I have included as Attachment A to this decision, the document being released to you.

For your information, the document contains the most recent information as at 8 May 2020. You may notice that the document states that it was last updated 8 May 2019, please note that this is a typographical error and the business area has confirmed that the information was updated on 8 May 2020.

It may also assist your review of the document to know that the enrolment projections uses a 'cohort transition model' that moves groups of students forward each year from one grade to the next. Projections are used as part of a broad range of considerations in school planning and the model has been shown to have a high overall level of accuracy; however, projections are not an exact forecast of a future outcome and should not be interpreted in this way.

Charges

Processing charges are waived for this request because the Act requires that the first 50 pages must be provided free of charge.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The Directorate is required to publish the information released in response to an access application on the disclosure log between three and ten days after the decision is released to the applicant, however, your personal information will not be published.

For your information, the Directorate's disclosure log is available at https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is released to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au
Telephone: (02) 6276 3773

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
Website: <http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
Information Officer

2 December 2020