

[REDACTED]

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 4 February 2021, for information regarding your [REDACTED] who attends [REDACTED]. Your request is specifically for:

How many hours support she is eligible for each week.

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 search has been conducted based on the wording of your request as stated above, and it has been identified that the Directorate does not hold records that provide the information you are seeking.

To address your request in part, I can advise that:

- in 2021, ACT public schools receiving funding for students with disability are provided with a cash amount, rather than as hours for teaching staff;
- there are several funding streams that schools have access to, depending on the needs of their students; and
- the funding stream for students with disability is reported to schools as a total allocation amount rather than by individual students.

All schools are required, under the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, to make reasonable adjustments for students with disability regardless of the resourcing provided to the school. As such, schools focus on the adjustments that children need to access education.

If you have concerns about how your school is supporting your child, or if you would like more information, please contact Sarah Kirk, Inclusion Team on 6205 4830 or Jean Walker, School Attendance Team & Community Partner on 6205 8495 for assistance.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request and my decision in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Personal information about you and your [REDACTED] will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log 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 published in the Directorate's disclosure log, 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

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
<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

[REDACTED]
Paula Murray
Information Officer
4 March 2021