

File Ref: FILE2023/9369



# 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 29 June 2023, in which you sought access to:

Curriculum policy documents published by the ACT Department of Education and Training from 2005-2010

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.

On 29 June 2023 a link to the current curriculum requirements policy available on the Directorate's website was sent to you. Thank you for confirming that the records you are seeking are published versions of this policy from the period 2005 to 2010.

The Education Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 10 August 2023.

#### **Decision on access**

A search of Directorate records has failed to locate information that matches the scope of your request. The search was conducted by looking for records of information published on the Directorate's website in the period identified by you. The Directorate does not hold records dating as far back as you are seeking, as ACT Government websites retain records for three years.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and that no records relevant to your request are held by the Directorate. Therefore, my decision is that the Directorate does not hold the information sought in your application.

#### **Additional information**

In undertaking the search for records, a website was identified that may be of assistance to you for the research project mentioned in your application - https://web.archive.org

This website provides a snapshot of what was on the website in the past and can go back prior to 2005.



The below URLs can be used to search and identify what was displaying on the website during the 2005-2010 period, with the ability to open the documents. Once on this page, search for <u>curriculum</u> under the 'URLs' tab.

http://decs.act.gov.au http://det.act.gov.au

#### Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because no information is being released to you.

### 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 will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after the decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information 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 Allara House, 15 Constitution Ave 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, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

27 July 2023