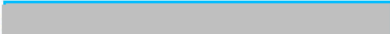




Via email: 

Dear 

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 30 August 2023, in which you sought access to:

- 1. Any policies/guidelines/frameworks for ACT public schools that address the inclusion of terrorism or terrorist groups in the Modern History curriculum.*
- 2. Any policies/guidelines/frameworks for staff to follow before teaching high school students about terrorism or terrorist groups, and/or asking them to conduct research about terrorism or terrorist groups.*
- 3. Records of training course materials provided to school staff before they select such topics to ensure staff perform necessary due diligence about not exposing students to images showing violence, extremism, and offensive behaviour, and their duty of care to students from similar cultural backgrounds.*

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.

The Education Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 12 October 2023.

Decision on access

Searches have been undertaken within the Directorate and no records have been located that are relevant to your request, i.e. the Directorate does not hold information that matches your description. Therefore, in accordance with section 35(1)(b) of the Act, my decision is that the Directorate does not hold the information you are seeking.

Additional information

The following information may be of assistance to you in relation to the issues you were seeking information about:

1. Teachers in ACT public schools are supported with training and ongoing professional development to deliver learning programs under the Australian Curriculum. Information about the Australian Curriculum is available at <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>. The Australian Curriculum website sets out the curriculum content for each subject by year level. For example, the content of the history curriculum for secondary school years can be accessed at [https://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/History_7-10 - Sequence of content.pdf](https://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/History_7-10_-_Sequence_of_content.pdf)
2. Records relating to professional development activities of teachers are held in schools and in individual personnel files. They are not held centrally by the Directorate.
3. If you have any questions about your child's learning, you are encouraged to raise them with your child's school in the first instance.

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, my decision and records released to you 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. 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 provided 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

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 questions about 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



Paula Murray
Information Officer

12 October 2023