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Your Ref:18-001

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Mr John Gardner MP
Member for Morialta
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Dear Mr Gardner

RE Freedom of Information - Determination

I refer to your Freedom of Information (FOI) application received by the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) on 22 January 2018, requesting access to:

'An updated table summary for every financial year from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2017, identifying the number of families with outstanding Materials and Services Charges that have been forwarded to the Department for recovery and the number of applicable schools who have engaged the centralised debt recovery service.'

Please note that data relevant to this request has been provided up to 30 June 2017, in response to previous FOI applications (*your reference 16-003, 16-046, 16-047, 16-048, 17-001 and 17-002; our reference DECD16/02211, DECD16/11103-5, DECD17/01890 and DECD17/34198*). Therefore, this response will only provide figures as at 31 December 2017.

Information matching the scope of your application has been located and considered with reference to the *Freedom of Information Act, 1991* (the Act). It has been determined to release it to you in full below:

Date	Number of Families	Number of Schools
31 December 2017	5,069	305

NB: The information provided is based on the number of 'active' families as at a specific date. Information is not collated on the number of debts actually provided to the Department.

No costs have been levied for processing of your application as they are within the threshold prescribed by the Fees and Charges Regulations allowed for Members of Parliament.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination you have a legal right of review as outlined in the attached document.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application and a copy of your notice of determination will be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned at decd.foi@sa.gov.au within 7 business days from the date of notice of determination.

Should you require further information or clarification on this matter, please contact me on telephone 8226 3231.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CA', written over a circular stamp.

Chrissie Argitis

ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

Date: 20 February 2018

YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW

1. INTERNAL REVIEW

Under S.29 and S.38 of the Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1991, if you are dissatisfied or “aggrieved” with certain decisions or “determinations” of an agency (regarding access to documents or amendment of records) you can apply to the agency 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 which made the original determination. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (if applicable). The application should be lodged within 30 days of the original determination.

There is no right to an internal review of a determination made by a Minister or Principal Officer of an agency.

2. INVESTIGATION BY THE OMBUDSMAN/POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY

If, after an internal review has been completed, you are still dissatisfied with the agency's determination you can request an external review of the determination by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is empowered to investigate the conduct of any person or body in relation to a determination made by an agency under this Act.

You may also request an external review by the Ombudsman if you have no right to an internal review.

The application for review by the Ombudsman should be lodged within 30 days of the date of a determination.

Requests to the Ombudsman must be in writing. An application form is not required. Investigations by the Ombudsman are free. Further information is available from the Office of the Ombudsman.

3. REVIEW BY SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (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:

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