

# Government Information (Public Access)

Under Section 7 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act, otherwise known as the GIPA Act, agencies must review their programs for the release of government information to identify the kinds of information that can be made publicly available.

This review must be undertaken at least once every 12 months.

Our agency's program for the proactive release of information involves ensuring that information around plans, performance and policies for the Local Health District are made available as soon as practicable, with information on how to access these documents.

Other links to relevant information are also provided.

During the reporting period, we reviewed this program by ensuring that information provided publicly was complete and up-to-date.

As a result of this review, we released the following information proactively:

- Policies, Procedures and Guidelines
- Governing Board minutes
- Performance report
- Budget
- Service Agreement

**Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome\***

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Info not held	Info already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm or deny whether info is held	Application withdrawn
Media	1			1				
Members of Parliament								
Private sector business								
Not for profit organisations or community groups								
Members of the public (application by legal representative)	7	5		2				
Members of the public (other)	1	3						

NB: a blank field indicates zero requests in that category. This also applies to Tables B-H.

\*More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B.

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**Table B: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome**

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Info not held	Info already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm or deny whether info is held	Application withdrawn
Personal information applications*	7	3		2				
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	2	2		1				
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other								

\* A personal information application is an access application for personal information (as defined in Clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

**Table C: Invalid Applications**

Reason for invalidity	No of applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	1
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	
Total number of invalid applications received	1
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	

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**Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: Matters listed in Schedule 1 of the Act.**

	Number of times consideration used*
Overriding secrecy laws	4
Cabinet information	
Executive Council Information	
Contempt	
Legal professional privilege	
Excluded information	
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	
Transport safety	
Adoption	
Care and protection of children	
Ministerial code of conduct	
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	

\* More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies to Table E.

**Table E – Other public interest considerations against disclosure: Matters listed in table to Section 14 of the Act.**

	Number of occasions when application not successful
Responsible and effective government	7
Law enforcement and security	
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	2
Business interests of agencies and other persons	
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	
Secrecy provisions	
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	

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**Table F – Timeliness**

	Number of applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	20
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	
Total	20

**Table G – Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (By type of review and outcome)**

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total
Internal review	2		2
Review by Information Commissioner*			
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act			
Review by ADT		1	1
Total	2	1	3

\*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendations to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made by the Information Commissioner.

**Table H – Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (By type of applicant)**

	Number of applications for review
Applications by access applicants	3
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access applications relates (see section 54 of the Act)	