GIPA Annual Report

Hunter New England Local Health District

Clause 7(a): Details of the review carried out by the agency under section 7 (3) of the Act during the reporting year and the details of any information made publicly available by the agency as a result of the review

7(a)

Review carried out by the agency	TRUE
Information made publicly available by the agency	TRUE

(Yes = TRUE, No = FALSE)

Clause 7(b): The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year (including withdrawn applications but not including invalid applications that were not subsequently made valid)

7(b)

Total number of applications	17
received	

Clause 7(c): The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year that the agency refused, either wholly or partly, because the application was for the disclosure of information refered to in Schedule 1 to the Act (information for which there is conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure)

Number of Applications Refused

Wholly	0
Partly	2

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

	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal with Application	Refuse to Confirm/Deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn
Media	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	0

Members of Parliament								
	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Private sector business								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not for profit organisations or								
community groups	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (by legal								
representative)	20	1	8	16	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (other)								
	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

^{*}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.

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

	Access Granted in	Access Granted in	Access Refused in	Information not	Information	Refuse to Deal	Refuse to	Application
	Full	Part	Full	Held	Already Available	with Application	Confirm/Deny	Withdrawn
							whether	
							information is	
Personal information							held	
applications*								
	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than								
personal information applications)								
	5	1	1	8	0	0	0	0
Access applications that are partly								
personal information applications								
and partly other	18	1	9	16	0	0	0	0

^{*}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).

PLEASE NOTE: The total number of decisions in Table B should be the same as Table A.

Table C: Invalid applications

Reason for invalidity	No of applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	
	13
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	
	0
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	
	0
Total number of invalid applications received	
	13
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	
	8

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*
Overriding secrecy laws	2
Cabinet information	0
Executive Council information	0
Contempt	0
Legal professional privilege	0
Excluded information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0
Transport safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0

^{*}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 in relation to Table E.

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*
Responsible and effective government	2
Law enforcement and security	0
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	4
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0
Secrecy provisions	0

Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0
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Table F: Timeliness

	Number of applications*
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	13
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	1

Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld
Internal review	1	0
Review by Information Commissioner*	2	0
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0
Review by NCAT	0	0

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 application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	
	0

Table I: Applications transferred to other agencies

	Number of applications transferred
Agency-Initiated Transfers	0
Applicant - Initiated Transfers	0