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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: 22-071

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Schedule	Not Applicable
4. Documents	Refused
5. Additional information identified	Not applicable
6. Fees	Not Applicable
7. Processing time (in working days)	52 days
8. Decision made by Ombudsman	Not applicable
9. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	Not applicable
10. Decision made by ACAT	Not applicable

11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable
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Bruan, Nicole

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2022 9:14 AM
To: TCCS_FreedomOfInformation
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Request | ACTION Bus Network Strategic Blueprint

Categories: Saved to Objective, Application

Good Morning,

RE: FOI REQUEST – ACTION BUS NETWORK STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* a copy of the Strategic Blueprint in connection with the ACTION Bus Network and the integration of bus and light rail operation supplied to the Territory in 2016-2017.

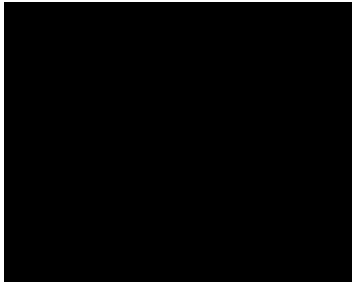
Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best,



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Freedom of information request: Reference 22-071

I refer to your applications made under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act) received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) on 4 May 2022, in which you sought access to:

“A copy of the Strategic Blueprint in connection with the ACTION Bus Network and integration of bus and light rail operation supplied to the Territory in 2016-2017”.

On 6 June 2022 your office clarified that the document you are seeking was prepared under contract numbered 2016.27950.210 - Public Transport Strategic Advisory Services which is a contract that has been listed on the Procurement Contracts register.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, TCCS was required to provide a decision on your access application by 2 July 2022. I thank you for agreeing to an extension to 20 July 2022.

Decision on access

A search has now been completed and the report prepared as part of the contract referenced has been identified. The report is an attachment to a cabinet submission referenced 17/257 – ACT Buses Strategic Blueprint.

In reviewing the report, I consider that it includes information which is contrary to the public interest under Schedule 1, Section 1.6 of the Act.

The information includes deliberations and decisions of Cabinet and documents that have been prepared for consideration of Cabinet. As some of this information is not publicly known, release of this information would therefore impact the deliberative functions of Cabinet.

In reviewing these documents, I note the requirements of schedule 1 section 1.6(2) of the Act which states that the exemption for Cabinet Information does not apply to 'purely factual information' unless the disclosure of the information would involve the disclosure of a deliberation or decision of Cabinet and the fact of the deliberation or decision has not been officially published.

The term 'purely factual material' does not extend to factual material that is an integral part of the deliberative content and purpose of a document or is embedded in or intertwined with the deliberative content in such a manner that it is impractical to separate it from the other content.

I am satisfied that disclosure of such information contained in this document would be contrary to public interest pursuant to schedule 1 Section 1.6 of the Act.

Disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application and my decision will be published on the TCCS disclosure from 3 days after the date of this decision.

Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log at http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information.

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 TCCS' 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

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

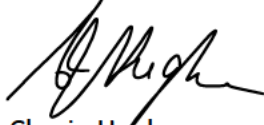
ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

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 ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.act.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cherie Hughes', written in a cursive style.

Cherie Hughes
Information Officer

19 July 2022