



ACT
Government

City and Environment

Our ref: CED FOI 26-136

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information – Notice of Decision

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act), received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED) on 19 May 2026. It is my understanding you are seeking access to the following information:

- *We request the five most recent financial reports lodged to the registrar-general by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (Association number: A04520). The documents are required for public interest reporting on the association.*

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, CED is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days. Therefore, a decision is due on or by **2 July 2026**.

Authority

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

Decision on access

Under section 43(1)(d) of the FOI Act, a respondent agency may refuse to deal with an access application wholly or in part if the government information is already available to the applicant. Section 45 sets out the circumstances in which government information is already available to the applicant. Those circumstances include where the government information is available for purchase (section 45(g) of the FOI Act).

On 27 May 2026, our office contacted you by email advising of an alternative administrative process in which access to the information can be purchased. For completeness, the process to make this request is as follows:

Requests are made in accordance with section 11 of the *Association Incorporations Act 1991* (the Act), the information can be released for a prescribed fee.

More specifically, Section 11(1)(a) of the Act states that if a person requests, the registrar must give the person any document lodged with the Registrar-General. The prescribed fee is \$31.00 and is charged per document type (not pages), for clarity, this means this request would incur 5x the prescribed fee.

The following link is to the online search request form - [Pay an Account](#) (select "Association search request" in payment type).

As no response has been received to this correspondence, I have continued to process your application to a decision. I have refused to deal with parts of your application under section 43(1)(d) and section 45 of the FOI Act.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this application as no records are being released to you.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, CED maintains a disclosure log, which is a public record of access applications and decisions. Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CED disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

ACT Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access application is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek ACT Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the FOI Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the ACT Ombudsman. If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the ACT 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 FOI 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
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<https://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Please contact the CED Information Access team if you have any queries in relation to your application via 6207 2987 or CEDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Signed electronically.

Craig Weller
Information Officer
City and Environment Directorate
2 July 2026