

Our reference: CIT FOI 2025–012

By email: [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION – CIT FOI 2025-012

I refer to your access application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) to the Chief Ministers, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD), which was received by Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) on 31 October 2025.

In the application you initially sought the following information:

“I am seeking any documents that list the services and functions that have been insourced by the ACT Government, the number of staff brought in-house and who the previous providers were”.

I acknowledge receipt of your subsequent email to CMTEDD, in which you provided the following additional clarifications to refine the scope of the Information request mentioned above:

“I am seeking information on services that were previously provided by private or not for profit providers but are now done or will be done by the ACT Government. Examples in the ACT would include public school cleaning, maintenance of public housing, weighbridge operators at resource management centres and school crossing supervisors, cleaning and food services at hospitals”.

“The timeframe would be since the 2016 ACT election”.

Authority

I am a Senior Executive officer appointed as a CIT Information Officer to make decisions about access to government information, in accordance with Section 18 of the FOI Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with Section 40 of the FOI Act, CIT is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days. Accordingly, CIT was required to respond to your application by 12 December 2025.

Document Search and Material Considered

Comprehensive searches were undertaken within CIT’s records management system (TRIM), emails and documents to identify and locate any documents within the scope of your request.

Decision

CIT has conducted comprehensive searches of both electronic and hardcopy records based on the details provided in your request. Information found relevant to your request is provided at **Appendix A**.

I have decided to fully release the document to you.

My statement of reasons for this decision is below.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my decision on your access application, I have taken the following into account:

- Your original access application and refinement of scope.
- The FOI Act.
- The ACT Ombudsman FOI Guidelines
- The documents which fall within the scope of your request.

As a decision maker I am required to decide if release of the documents found to be within the scope of your request are within the public interest. Schedule 1 of the FOI Act provides categories of documents where release is not considered to be in the public interest. On reviewing the documents within the scope of your request, I do not consider that any of these documents fall within the categories prescribed under Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

As I am not satisfied that any of the documents within the scope of your request are exempted from release in accordance with Schedule 1 of the FOI Act, I am required to consider the factors favouring disclosure and non-disclosure as found in Schedule 2.

Section 17(1) of the FOI Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest'.

Factors favouring disclosure:

I consider that the following factors favouring disclosure apply in relation to these documents.

- promote open discussion and accountability (section 2.1 (a)(i).
- contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest (section 2.1(a)(ii).
- ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds 2.1(iv)

I consider the information requested would, on balance, support the factors favouring disclosure described as the release of this information promotes accountability.

Factors favouring non-disclosure:

I have not identified any factors favouring non-disclosure in relation to these documents.

Charges

You have not been charged for this request.

Disclosure Log

Section 28 of the FOI Act requires publication of access applications and any information subsequently released on CIT's disclosure log at:

[https://cit.edu.au/about/freedom of information/disclosure log](https://cit.edu.au/about/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log).

Review Rights

You may apply to the ACT Ombudsman to review my decision under Section 73 of the FOI Act. An application for review must be made in writing within 20 days of the date of my decision.

You may submit a request for review of my decision to the ACT Ombudsman by writing in one of the following ways:

Email (preferred): actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

Post: The ACT Ombudsman

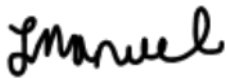
GPO Box 442

CANBERRA ACT 2601

More information about ACT Ombudsman review is available on the ACT Ombudsman website at:

<http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/improving-the-act/freedom-of-information>.

Yours sincerely

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Canberra Institute of Technology

12 December 2025