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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 26 February 2026, in which you sought access to:

The following data relating to the 2025 Year 1 phonics check:

- 1. The percentage of Year 1 students in ACT government schools, who can correctly decode 28 words or more (the expected level of achievement) in the year one phonics check*
- 2. The percentage of female students who scored at or above the expected level of achievement*
- 3. The percentage of male students who scored at or above the expected level of achievement*
- 4. The percentage of students who speak English as an additional language or dialect who scored at or above the expected level of achievement*
- 5. The percentage of Aboriginal students who scored at or above the expected level of achievement*

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 FOI Act.

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, the Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days of receipt, being 14 April 2026.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant records and there is one record that falls within the scope of your request. Whilst this record did not exist at the time of your request, in the circumstances, and in keeping with the objects of the FOI Act, it has been decided to calculate and provide the information requested from Directorate data sources.

The information sought is provided as Attachment A to this letter.

My decision is to release the information in full.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages released does not exceed the threshold of 50 pages set at section 104(4) of the FOI Act.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request, my decision and records released to you in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log at www.act.gov.au/open/foi-disclosure-logs/education-foi-disclosure-logs.

Review of decision

FOI Act - Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the FOI Act within 20 working days from the day my decision is provided to you, 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

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

FOI Act - 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
Allara House, 15 Constitution Ave
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any questions concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
Information Officer

14 April 2026