

Our reference: **CHSFOI25-26.40**

Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received via partial transfer from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate to Canberra Health Services (the Directorate) on **Tuesday 10 March 2026**.

This application requested access to:

'How many ACTPS personnel are currently not effective in the workplace. For clarity, the precise number of personnel who do not attend their workplace, but are not on an entitled period of leave (i.e. annual leave). This does not include those personnel who work from home.

Can the numbers and classifications be provided for: < 6 months 6-12 months > 12 months'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Directorate under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. The Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

The information has been extracted from the Directorate's staffing databases into this decision letter.

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

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the information that fall within the scope of your request; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Decisions

I have decided to grant partial access to the following information:

As of 28 February 2026, Canberra Health Services had 3 individuals that were being paid while stood down: all 3 for less than 6 months.

The Directorate will not provide specific classifications to protect the privacy of our staff in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) of the FOI Act: prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision.

Please be aware that no personal information will be included in the published information all other information will be published on <https://www.act.gov.au/open/foi-disclosure-logs/act-health-directorate-and-canberra-health-services-disclosure-logs>.

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 Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published on the Directorate's 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
Website: ombudsman.act.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 the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Allara House
15 Constitution Avenue
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew White', with a stylized, flowing script.

Andrew White
Executive Branch Manager
People and Culture
Canberra Health Services

21 April 2026