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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in relation to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1991 (the FOI Act) in which you requested access to:

"House fire at [REDACTED] on 24 May 2015

We act on behalf of Allianz, the insurer of the abovementioned property.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1991, we request copies of all documents, reports and the like to the abovementioned incident and including, but not limited to:

- *Incident reports;*
- *Investigation reports;*
- *Colour copies of all photographs; and*
- *Video footage of the fire and/or fire scene.*

In the event the Fire Service Fire Cause Investigators (FCI) attended the fire, the above request is therefore also intended to include documents in relation to their investigation."

Fire Investigation Reports are obtainable under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* on completion of the appropriate form (blank copy attached) and payment of the prescribed fee. Thus they are not documents that are obtainable under the FOI Act, section 20(1)(c) of the FOI Act.

I have conducted a search of files and located one (1) document that falls within the scope of your application. The document is identified in the attached schedule. In respect of the document, I have determined as follows:

Document 1

I have determined that this document should be released in part.



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In regard to this document, the parts to which I have not granted you access are the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters.

- (i) The document contains the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters.
- (ii) It would be unreasonable to disclose the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters, but not the other information in the document.
- (iii) The occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters are exempt from disclosure under clause 6(1), which reads:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)".

- (iv) In my view it would be unreasonable to disclose the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters because:
 - (a) Disclosure under the FOIA is "disclosure to all the world". (Re Sunderland and Department of Defence, (1986) 11 ALD 258; Re Williams and Registrar, Federal Court of Australia, (1985) 8 ALD 814; Re Anderson and the Australian Federal Police, (1986) 11 ALD 355.)
 - (b) Re Chandra and Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, (1984) 6 ALN N 257, which has been applied in South Australia, says that I should consider "...all the circumstances including:
 - The nature of the information disclosed;
 - The circumstances in which the information is obtained;
 - The likelihood of the information being information that the person concerned would not wish to have disclosed without consent; and
 - Whether the information has any current relevance" (aN259).

The matters outlined in (a) to (b) above lead me to conclude that it would be unreasonable to disclose the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters under the FOI Act.

It is practicable to delete the occupant name, owner name and personnel numbers of firefighters and release the remainder and in accordance with subsection 20 (4) of the FOI Act, I have done so.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, if you are given access to documents as a result of this FOI application, details of your application, and the documents to which access is given, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

Appeal Rights

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights of review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation.

Yours sincerely



Accredited Freedom of Information Officer

27 November 2017

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Freedom of Information application from [REDACTED]

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Doc No	Description	Determination
1	Incident Report	Document released in part – occupier name, owner name and personnel numbers exempt from disclosure under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

Incident Report

Block A

Situation Found:	BUILDING FIRE - CONTENT ONLY		
Station/Brigade Name:	54 PORT LINCOLN - MFS		Brigade Inc. No:
Inside (Stat./Brig. Area):	1		Activity Ref. No: 1105544
Daily Incident No:	52		Grid Reference:
Shift:			Map Name:
Primary Incident Ref:	1105544		UBD Reference:
Report Completed By:			Premises:
Officer In Charge:			Property No:
Report Submitted Date:	24/05/2015	Time: 16:55	Street Name:
No. of Appliances Used:	2		Location: PORT LINCOLN
Peak No. of Aerials Used:	1		Postcode: 5606
Peak Spec. Apps. Used:			Signature: Incidentsummary
Other Vehicles:	1		Description/Notes:
Personnel at Scene:	15		
Personnel at Station:			
Alarm Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 14:30	
Mobilisation Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 14:36	
CFS Arrival Date/Time:		Time:	
2nd Arrival Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 14:42	
MFS Arrival Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 14:40	
Control/Stop Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 15:12	
Completed Date/Time:	24/05/2015	Time: 16:24	Risk: C
First Arr. Officer Name:			Delayed Arrival:
			Reduced Att:

Block A2

Mutual Aid:	NO MUTUAL AID	
Mutual Aid Provided By/Given To:		
CFS Only	Appliance Type	Distance Travelled

Incident Report

Block A3

Caller Name:		
Caller Details:		
Inside (Stat./Brig. Area):	TRAVELLER, PASSER BY, NEIGHBOUR	
Occupant's Name:		
Complex:	APARTMENTS	
Type of Property Use:	DOMESTIC DWELLING	
Type of Owner:	100	
Type of Occupant	PRIVATE	
Type of Action Taken:	EXTINGUISHMENT, SALVAGE AND OVERHAUL	
No. of Fixed Wing Aircraft for Bombing:	0	Problems Encountered: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
No. of Helicopters Used for Observation:	0	
No. of Earth Moving Equipment Used:	0	
No. of Fixed Wing Aircraft for Obs.:	0	
No. of Helicopters Used for Fire Bombing:	0	
No. of BA Sets Used:	7	
No. of Extra Cylinders Used:	0	
Incident Name:	PORT LINCOLN	
Weather:	CLEAR	
Temperature:		
Wind Direction:		
Wind Speed:		
Relative Humidity:		

Block A4

Electricity:	NOTIFIED AND ATTENDED
Gas:	NOT NOTIFIED
Water:	NOT NOTIFIED
Police:	NOTIFIED AND ATTENDED
Ambulance:	NOTIFIED AND ATTENDED
State Emergency Service:	NOT NOTIFIED
Other Fire Service:	NOT NOTIFIED
Environment Protection Agency:	NOT NOTIFIED
Volunteer Rescue Services:	NOT NOTIFIED
Charitable Support Agencies (Salvation Army):	NOT NOTIFIED
Government Welfare Agencies:	NOT NOTIFIED
Other Agencies:	NOT NOTIFIED

Incident Report

Block A5M

ID	Member ID	Member Name	Role
			CREWMEMBER
			CREWMEMBER
			OFFICER IN CHARGE
			CREWMEMBER
			CREWMEMBER
			CREWMEMBER
			CREWMEMBER
			PUMP OPERATOR
			CREWMEMBER
			CREWMEMBER
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BLOCK B – FIRE ALARMS

Inst No.	Prim. No.	Zone	Area	Level	Dev No.	Type of System	Type of Call

Management Name:		
Mechanic Name:		
First Arrival Officer Name:		
Charge Code:		
Account No:		
Invoice No:		
Date:		
Waive Code:		

Incident Report

BLOCK D – CASUALTIES, RESCUE AND EVACUATION

Station/Brigade Personnel Injured:	0
Other Civilians Injured:	0
Station/Brigade Personnel Fatalities:	0
Other Civilian Fatalities:	0
Personnel Rescued:	0
No. of Persons Released:	0
Authority Effecting Rescue:	
Name of Station Effecting Rescue:	0
Rescue Type/Reason for Rescue:	
Equipment Used:	
No. Evacuated:	0
Evacuation problems:	
No. of Persons Assisted (First Aid etc):	0
No. of Post Event Fatalities:	0

BLOCK E – FIRE CAUSE

Area of Fire Origin:	SLEEPING AREA	
Occupant of Ignition Area:	LESSEE, RENTER, GUEST, VISITOR, PATIENT, INMATE	
Activity in Ignition Area:	INSIDE ACTIVITY NORMAL TO OCCUPANCY OF STRUCTURE	
Fire Cause:	ELECTRICAL - APPLIANCE (NOT INCLUDING HEATERS) (STRUCTURAL)	
Equipment Involved in Ignition:	ELECTRIC BLANKETS	
Year of Manufacture:		
Make:		
Model:		
Serial No:		
Voltage:		
Formal Fire Investigation Conducted:		

BLOCK F - FIRE FIGHTING EFFORT

Major Firefighting Force:	VOLUNTEER (RETAINED)	
Means of Initial Attack:		
Method of Initial Attack:	VOLUNTEER (RETAINED)	
Name of Emergency Service Initial Arrival:	MFS	
Major Method of Extinguishment:	APPLIANCE HOSE LINES WITH WATER FROM THE APPLIANCE TANKS	
Major Extinguishment Medium:	WATER ONLY	
No. Extinguishers Used:	0	
No. Portable Pumps:	0	
No. Appliance Hose Reels:	1	
No. 25-50mm Lines:	1	
No. 60-70mm Lines:	0	
No. Monitors:	0	
Amount of Foam Concentrate Used (L):	0	
Amount of Water Used (x 1000 L):	100	
Dry Powder (KG):	0	
Water Supply Problems:	NO PROBLEM WITH WATER SUPPLY	
Water Supply Method:	RELAY, RETICULATED SUPPLY	

Incident Report

BLOCK H – DOLLAR LOSS

Estimated Dollar Loss (\$):	25.00
Est. Property Value (\$):	900
Est. Content Value (\$):	400
Insurance / Insured:	PROPERTY AND CONTENTS INSURANCE UNDETERMINED
Insurance Company Name:	
Total Mobile Properties Involved:	0
Total Structures Involved:	1
Property Owners Name:	
Street Number:	
Street Name:	
Location:	
% Property Saved:	95

BLOCK K - STRUCTURE FIRES

Structure Type:	A01 LEVEL ONE OR GROUND LEVEL
Fire Level:	CONFINED TO ROOM OF ORIGIN
Extent of Flame Damage:	CONFINED TO STRUCTURE OF ORIGIN
Extent of Smoke and Heat damage:	FIRE WITHIN DESIGNED RANGE OF SMOKE ALARM
Presence of Smoke Alarms:	HARD WIRE ONLY
Alarm/Detector Power Supply:	OPERATED
Operation of Smoke Alarms:	ALERTED OCCUPANTS
Effectiveness of Smoke Alarms:	REASON FOR SMOKE ALARM FAILURE NOT APPLICABLE
Reason for Smoke Alarm failure:	NO EQUIPMENT PRESENT IN ROOM OR SPACE OF FIRE ORIGIN
Sprinkler Performance:	NOT APPLICABLE
Factors Degrading Sprinkler Eff.:	
Number of Heads Operated:	
Air Handling System Performance:	
Estimated % Property Involved on Arrival:	5
Building Code of Aust. Class.:	CLASS 10A
Entry Method:	FRONT DOOR
Extinguishers Installed:	NO
No. Extinguishers Used by Non-Fire Service:	
Hose Reels Installed:	YES
No. Hose Reels Used by Non-Fire Service:	1
No. Hydrants Used by Non-Fire Service:	YES