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Dear E Tlozek

### Freedom of Information – Internal Correspondence sent by DTF Media Officer

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on Date Received.

Your application specifically requested:

*"I seek access to the total amount of money paid by the South Australian government in court-ordered damages or legal settlements to people who sued South Australia Police from 01/01/13 to 01/01/23, in the form of: 1. A newly created document stating the total dollar figure and, if possible, a breakdown of how many of those awards or settlements (and their total dollar value) were for excessive use of force complaints. 2. If that is not possible, through provision of internal correspondence sent/received by Department of Treasury media officer Sally Kaleta in relation to an emailed media enquiry from ABC News journalist Eric Tlozek to Sally Kaleta on 23/01/23, asking how much the SA Government has paid in legal settlements and damages over the past decade to people who have sued police. Also noting that cited confidentiality provisions relating to individual settlements do not apply to a sum total. Date Range: 23/01/2023 to 20/02/2023"*

Under the Act, an agency has 30 days to respond to a Freedom of Information request. As DTF did not respond to your request within the time frame required, the department is deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory time frame had been met.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination.

A total of 14 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

- I grant you access in full to 5 documents, copies of which are enclosed, and
- I grant you access in part to 9 documents, copies of which are enclosed.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

### Documents released in full

Documents 1, 4-5, 7 and 14

### Documents released in part

Documents 2-3, 6 and 8-13 contain the mobile numbers of public servants. Under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act, a document is exempt if its disclosure would involve the 'unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person'. While the numbers are listed in the signature blocks relevant to the public servant, it is difficult to ascertain whether the mobile is being used solely for work purposes or a combination of personal and work purposes. Moreover, the ability to be contacted outside of work hours is considered unreasonable. Therefore, I determine to exempt this information pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

Document 13 contains information concerning the insurance function of the South Australian Financing Authority (SAFA). Releasing this information would have an adverse effect on SAFA's ability to manage its insurance function.

In applying the public interest test, I have considered the objects of the FOI Act, which favour release. I acknowledge there is a public interest in the need for transparency regarding the operations of government. However, I have determined that this is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring the government's ability to manage future claims is not prejudiced by the disclosure of information. I have therefore determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 16(1)(a)(iv) and (b) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

### Exemptions

#### ***Clause 16 – Documents concerning operations of agencies***

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which -*
- (a) *could reasonably be expected - ...*
    - (iv) *to have substantial adverse effect on the effective performance by an agency of the agency's functions; ... and*
  - (b) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DTF is required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

## Appeal Rights

If you are aggrieved with this determination, you have a right to apply for internal review under subsection 29(1) of the FOI Act. Pursuant to subsection 29(2), your application must:

- be in writing,
- be accompanied by the application fee of \$39,
- be addressed to the principal officer, and
- be lodged at an office of DTF or emailed to [freedomofinformation2@sa.gov.au](mailto:freedomofinformation2@sa.gov.au) within 30 days after the day on which you receive this letter or within such further time as the principal officer may allow.

If you require any further information, please phone Natalie Haigh on (08) 8429 0839.

Yours sincerely



Deanna Fleming

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Schedule of Documents

T&F23/0289 - Eric Tlozek, ABC News - "I seek access to the total amount of money paid by the South Australian government in court-ordered damages or legal settlements to people who sued South Australia Police from 01/01/13 to 01/01/23, in the form of: 1. A newly created document stating the total dollar figure and, if possible, a breakdown of how many of those awards or settlements (and their total dollar value) were for excessive use of force complaints. 2. If that is not possible, through provision of internal correspondence sent/received by Department of Treasury media officer Sally Kaleta in relation to an emailed media enquiry from ABC News journalist Eric Tlozek to Sally Kaleta on 23/01/23, asking how much the SA Government has paid in legal settlements and damages over the past decade to people who have sued police. Also noting that cited confidentiality provisions relating to individual settlements do not apply to a sum total. Date Range: 23/01/2023 to 20/02/2023"

<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>	<b># of pages</b>	<b>Determination</b>	<b>Exemption Clause</b>
1	23/01/2023 at 11:47am	Email	1	Released in full	
2	23/01/2023 at 12:23pm	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
3	23/01/2023 at 12:41pm	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
4	23/01/2023 at 2:00pm	Email	2	Released in full	
5	23/01/2023 at 1:59pm	Email	2	Released in full	
6	25/01/2023 at 08:05am	Email	6	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
7	24/01/2023 at 12:33pm	Email	2	Released in full	
8	25/01/2023 at 08:20am	Email	4	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
9	25/01/2023 at 4:29pm	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
10	25/01/2023 at 5:32pm	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
11	27/01/2023 at 08:48am	Email	5	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
12	27/01/2023 at 2:26pm	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs

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13	30/01/2023 at 4:24pm	Email		6	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs 16(1)(a)(iv) - Substantial adverse effect on performance of agency's functions & contrary to public interest
14	15/02/2023 at 3:13pm	Email		4	Released in full	

**Stocker, Inthira (DTF)**

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**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 11:47 AM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Subject:** Police assault settlements

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I'm writing a story about police assaults.

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Police have referred this part of my enquiry to the SA Government Financing Authority.

Are you able to provide a figure?

Obviously it is a total, not any individual payouts.

Thanks,

Eric.

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 2:00 PM  
**To:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Journo says by next Monday.

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**From:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 1:34 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Sally - We can provide some info here.....what is the deadline??

Kind regards  
 MAC

**Immacolata (Mac) Bollella**

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:32 PM  
**To:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <[Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au](mailto:Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Police assault settlements

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Hi Mac

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year!

We have received the below media enquiry regarding police assault settlements.

Does SAFA hold this information? If so, are you able to provide a draft response?

Thanks

Sal

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Sally

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 January 2023 12:33 PM  
**To:** 'sapol.mediasection@police.sa.gov.au'  
**Subject:** FW: Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

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Hi

Just following up on this. Can a member of the SAPOL Media team please contact me about this as soon as possible.

Thanks

Sally

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** sapol.mediasection@police.sa.gov.au  
**Subject:** Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Team

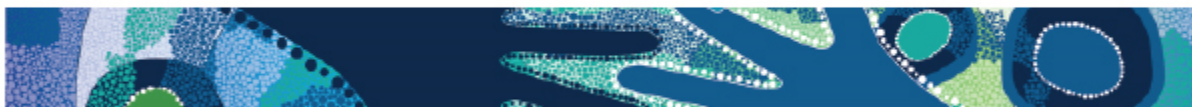
We have received the below media enquiry. Can you please provide me with a contact name and number of a media advisor in SAPOL who I can speak to about this. Alternatively can a member of the team please call me on my number below.

Thanks,

**Sally Kaleta**

Senior Communications Officer, Communications and Digital Engagement  
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**From:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Cc:** Alison MARTIN; Osborne, Prema (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Sally,

I will discuss with the Insurance and Fleet Directorate.

Kind regards

MAC

**Immacolata (Mac) Bollella** (she/her)

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2023 2:40 PM  
**To:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <[Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au](mailto:Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Alison MARTIN <[Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au)>; Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Mac

See email below which is a follow up to a response we provided last month about the Police assault settlements.

Can you please provide advise re his request for a total figure. It was discussed at the time that we would not provide the total figure.

Does this advice still stand? Do we recommend he continues with his FOI request?

Thanks

Sally

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**From**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2023 2:33 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

Hi Sally,

I've sought advice on this and we believe there are no reasonable grounds for the department to withhold a global figure on payments as requested.

Before I begin an FOI, can I ask again if the department will provide the figure?

It will save me some time and the department a significant amount of time.

Best,

Eric.

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 4:04 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

OFFICIAL

Hi Eric

No further information, other than what has already been outlined below, will be provided.

Regards

Sally

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 2:42 PM

**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: Police assault settlements

Thank you Sally.

But wouldn't the confidentiality provisions not preclude a release of the total figure of all claims?

There's no way to calculate individual payments from a cumulative sum.

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 2:28:09 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Eric,

Please find below a response to your email:

The State has settled 20 claims for alleged assault over the past 10 years, 12 of which are subject to confidentiality provisions. The remaining claims settled for a total of \$1.9 million (including damages and legal costs).

Have a great weekend.

Sally

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**From**

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# Partial Release

## Stocker, Inthira (DTF)

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:23 PM  
**To:** Osborne, Prema (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Action Required: Media enquiry re Police assaults

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Will do.

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**From:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:21 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Action Required: Media enquiry re Police assaults

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Agreed. Can you please copy me into the emails and keep me across this?

Thanks  
 Prema

**Prema Osborne**  
 Director, People and Performance

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**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Action Required: Media enquiry re Police assaults

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Hi Prema

We have received the below media enquiry re Police assault settlements.

My proposed course of action is:

- Forward the enquiry to Treasurer's media advisor for her information and let her know we will seek advice from SAFA as to whether they do in fact have this information and provide a proposed response for her approval prior to providing to the Journalist.
- Forward to Deputy Under Treasurer for her information and let her know that we are seeking a proposed response from SAFA which we will provide to her for approval prior to sending to Treasurer's Media Advisor for approval to send to Journalist.
- Forward the enquiry to Immacolata Bollella, Manager, Communications at SAFA to ascertain if they have this information and if they do seek a proposed response.

If you are happy with this approach, I will proceed. Otherwise let me know how you would like handle this one.

Thanks

Sal

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**From:** Blaskett, Andrew (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF); Pribanic, Tammie (DTF)  
**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Sally

**Andrew Blaskett**

Chief Recovery Officer  
Executive Director Projects

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Absolutely. Will do.

Sal

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Thanks Sally, can you pls check that SAFA run the proposed response past SAPOL for clearance to release.

Thanks  
Tammie

On 23 Jan 2023, at 12:30 pm, Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)> wrote:

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As acting Deputy Under Treasurer I am forwarding you this for your information:

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In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

**Sally Kaleta**

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FYI – I found out the next best person for media enquiries is Alison Martin – [alison.martin@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:alison.martin@police.sa.gov.au)

A good contact to have!!

Kind regards  
MAC

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I don't have the name, but they know about the media request and are seeking instructions from the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the media section. I go through Office of General Counsel who we know there well.

They are checking and getting back to me. I'll send you what I know when I know.  
Ta

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Thanks Jane – do you have a media contact at SAPol??

I have just figured out Col Cunningham as another role and isn't responding. Sally is also seeking a contact. Silly I know – just can't get a response via the media email address.

Thanks

Kind regards

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**OFFICIAL**

Easy – I am just checking with SAPOL they are okay with our response, but seemed easier to just hit it back without an email trail.

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Sure - that is fine. If I know what the response is, Sally will include me on the response back too. All good.

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Hi Mac – are you okay I go back to Sally direct and include everyone?

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FYI – see below. We have until 30 January, however this will need to go through Treasurer’s office (via Sally). Do you think we could have something COB Wednesday 25 January 2023??

Any problems, happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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Thanks Alison – all good with me. Happy now we have a connection and dialogue.

Appreciate the response.

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**To:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>  
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Hi Mac and Sally.

So sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Our manager has just returned from leave and had been dealing with Eric previously so I wanted to run it past her.

One of the team from Treasury got in touch with our OGC with the proposed statement so we are just getting that looked at by the bosses at this morning's meetings and I'll be able to get back to you about 9am if that's ok? Otherwise Sally please give me a call on my mobile below.

Thanks

Ali

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Alison,

Courtney Jonson provided me your details as my colleague in DTF and I have tried to contact Col Cunningham to be surprised he has a new role. Lucky Col!!

We have received the following media request from the ABC and Jane Hart from our Insurance area is working with the Office of General Counsel. I understand that you may have already seen this request and working with the Assistant Commissioner.

I thought I should at least make contact and connect. My colleague Sally Kaleta from DTF is managing the enquiry.

Any problems or issues, happy to assist.

PS – Thanks Courtney – always so knowledgeable and reliable!!

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Thanks Jane, much appreciated.

I will forward the proposed response to the Deputy Under Treasurer for her approval prior to providing the Treasurer's Media Advisor for approval and then onto the Journalist.

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Dear Sally, Mac

In response to the below I recommend the following response:

*“The State has settled 20 claims for alleged assault over the past 10 years, 12 of which are subject to confidentiality provisions. The remaining claims settled for a total of \$1.9 million (including damages and legal costs)”*

I have liaised with SAPOL General Counsel who has referred the above comment to the Assistant Commissioner who oversees media and I confirm SAPOL are comfortable with this response.

If you have any queries at all, please let me know.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** FW: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

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Thanks

Sal

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Thanks,

Eric.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 January 2023 5:32 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Cc:** Blaskett, Andrew (DTF); Osborne, Prema (DTF); Bollella, Immacolata (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Sally – yes please send on and confirm SAPOL has endorsed the response.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 January 2023 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Tammie,

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Please note SAPOL are comfortable with this response.

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Regards

Sally Kaleta  
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**Subject:** Re: Media enquiry: Police assault settlements

Thanks Sally, can you pls check that SAFA run the proposed response past SAPOL for clearance to release.

Thanks  
Tammie

On 23 Jan 2023, at 12:30 pm, Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)> wrote:

## OFFICIAL

Hi Andrew,

As acting Deputy Under Treasurer I am forwarding you this for your information:

We have received the below media enquiry regarding police assault settlements. I will contact SAFA to ascertain if they are able to provide a draft response which I will provide to you for your approval prior to providing to the Treasurer's Media Advisor for approval to respond to the journalist.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

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**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF); Bollella, Immacolata (DTF)  
**Cc:** MELISSA GILCHRIST  
**Subject:** Re: Police assault settlements

Hi Sally,

The Commissioner is comfortable with your statement.

*The State has settled 20 claims for alleged assault over the past 10 years, 12 of which are subject to confidentiality provisions. The remaining claims settled for a total of \$1.9 million (including damages and legal costs)"*

Thank you for the chance to look at it.

Ali

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:36  
**To:** Martin, Alison (SAPOL) <Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au>; Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Gilchrist, Melissa (SAPOL) <Melissa.Gilchrist@police.sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Police assault settlements

**OFFICIAL**

Thanks Ali, my preference would be to hold off until we get the ok from the Commissioner.

Once we have that, can you please forward me the response so I can forward to the Deputy Under Treasurer for her approval prior to sending to the Treasurer's media advisor for her approval. Then it will go to the Journalist.

Thanks

Sal

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 January 2023 12:09 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>; Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** MELISSA GILCHRIST <Melissa.Gilchrist@police.sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi all,

The statement that was provided has just gone to our Commissioner for information. We haven't heard back from his office but if you need to send it then please do.

Otherwise if you are able to hold off we will confirm this afternoon if he's comfortable with the response.

Thanks for reaching out.



Ali

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 January 2023 9:05 AM  
**To:** Martin, Alison (SAPOL) <[Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au)>; Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <[Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au](mailto:Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Alison, much appreciated.

Sal

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**Cc:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Mac and Sally.

So sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Our manager has just returned from leave and had been dealing with Eric previously so I wanted to run it past her.

One of the team from Treasury got in touch with our OGC with the proposed statement so we are just getting that looked at by the bosses at this morning's meetings and I'll be able to get back to you about 9am if that's ok? Otherwise Sally please give me a call on my mobile below.

Thanks  
Ali

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**To:** Martin, Alison (SAPOL) <[Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:Alison.MARTIN@police.sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Jonson, Courtney (SAPOL) <[Courtney.Jonson@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:Courtney.Jonson@police.sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Police assault settlements

OFFICIAL

Hi Alison,

Courtney Jonson provided me your details as my colleague in DTF and I have tried to contact Col Cunningham to be surprised he has a new role. Lucky Col!!

We have received the following media request from the ABC and Jane Hart from our Insurance area is working with the Office of General Counsel. I understand that you may have already seen this request and working with the Assistant Commissioner.

I thought I should at least make contact and connect. My colleague Sally Kaleta from DTF is managing the enquiry.

Any problems or issues, happy to assist.

PS – Thanks Courtney – always so knowledgeable and reliable!!

Kind regards

MAC

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Journo says by next Monday.

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Thanks Sally - We can provide some info here.....what is the deadline??

Kind regards

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**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 2:26 PM  
**To:** Salter, Jennifer (DPC)  
**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Enquiry: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Jennifer

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**From:** Salter, Jennifer (DPC) <Jennifer.Salter@sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Media Enquiry: Police assault settlements

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Hi Sally that's good to go thanks for letting us know cheers Jen.

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**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
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Regards

Sally Kaleta  
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Hi Sally, no worries thanks for keeping me posted.

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**Cc:** Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
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**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 4:24 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF)  
**Cc:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF); Osborne, Prema (DTF)  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Sally

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**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

OFFICIAL

Thanks Jane, much appreciated. Makes complete sense.

I will advise the journalist that further comment/information will not be provided.

Sal

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**From:** Hart, Jane (DTF) <[Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 3:00 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Sally

I've referred this to my Director and sought further advice.

# Clause 16(1)

It is not common for SAFA to provide any comment regarding claims settlements given the sensitive, legally privileged and complex nature of the matters it manages on behalf of the State.

The comment provided to date is therefore the only comment SAFA are prepared to provide.

I am happy to explain further by phone to you if required.

Kind regards

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Thanks Jane, much appreciated.

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I will get some quick advice on this Sally.  
Thanks

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 7:10 PM  
**To:** Hart, Jane (DTF) <[Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Bollella, Immacolata (DTF) <[Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au](mailto:Immacolata.Bollella@sa.gov.au)>; Osborne, Prema (DTF) <[Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au](mailto:Prema.Osborne@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Thanks Jane, however providing a total figure for all payouts for the last 10 years would not disclose individual amounts in any way.

Is there any way of finding out definitively if the accumulation total falls within those confidential agreements?

sal

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**From:** Hart, Jane (DTF) <[Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Hart@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 2:53 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Police assault settlements

Hi Sally

The confidentiality terms means individual amounts cannot be disclosed and my interpretation is that the accumulation total broadly also falls within those confidential agreements.

The only reasons for disclosure are generally for legal or for parliamentary disclosure reasons.

Thanks

Jane Hart  
Claims Manager  
SAFA

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On 27 Jan 2023, at 2:46 pm, Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)> wrote:

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Hi Jane,

Are we able to give a total figure? Including those with confidentiality provisions?

Sal

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 2:42 PM

**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: Police assault settlements

Thank you Sally.

But wouldn't the confidentiality provisions not preclude a release of the total figure of all claims?

There's no way to calculate individual payments from a cumulative sum.

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**From:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 2:28:09 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Eric,

Please find below a response to your email:

The State has settled 20 claims for alleged assault over the past 10 years, 12 of which are subject to confidentiality provisions. The remaining claims settled for a total of \$1.9 million (including damages and legal costs).

Have a great weekend.

Sally

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 1:59 PM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Sally,  
Would next Monday be long enough?  
Thanks,  
Eric,

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**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 1:35 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Police assault settlements

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Hi Eric

Thank you for your enquiry. What is your deadline?

Sally

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**From**  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 11:47 AM  
**To:** Kaleta, Sally (DTF) <[sally.kaleta3@sa.gov.au](mailto:sally.kaleta3@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Police assault settlements

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Hi Sally,  
I'm writing a story about police assaults.  
I'm trying to find out how much the SA Government has paid in legal settlements and damages over the past decade to people who have sued police.  
Police have referred this part of my enquiry to the SA Government Financing Authority.  
Are you able to provide a figure?  
Obviously it is a total, not any individual payouts.  
Thanks,  
Eric.

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