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Applicant	The parameters of the request	File Reference
	'Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (the Act), I seek access to all documents - including internal briefings and correspondence - generated in the formulation of policy preventing community groups from applying for liquor permits at the 2018 National Multicultural Festival. In particular, I seek correspondence between the Directorate (or Minister's office) and ACT Policing or any external stakeholders, including community clubs or representative organisations (including the Australian Hotels Association). *I also seek a copy of the internal review of the 2017 Multicultural Festival, specifically any advice or feedback provided by ACT Policing in relation to that event.'*	Minister Stephen-Smith correspondence

No	No Folios	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1	18	Correspondence from Minister Stephen-Smith to multiple constituents	9 February 2018	Partial release	Deletions made to information found to be contrary to Public Interest under Schedule 2, Section 2.2(a) (ii) would prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004.*	Yes a redacted version

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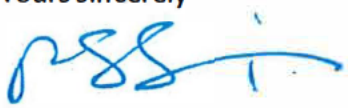

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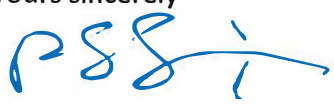

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