



31 August 2018



Our Ref: 
Matter No 

Dear 

Formal Access Application - Notice of Decision

I refer to your Formal Access Application under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPA Act) that you lodged with the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). On 12 July 2018, you amended the scope of your access application and requested the following information:

- *"In the financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015; 2015/2016; 2016/2017*
 1. a) *How many women with children were provided with temporary accommodation in each FACS district in NSW?*
 - b) *What was the cost of this for each period?*
 - c) *What was the average time of stay for women and children?*
 - d) *What percentage of women with children were provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence?*
 2. a) *How many women without children were provided with temporary accommodation in each FACS district in NSW?*
 - b) *What was the cost of this for each period?*
 - c) *What was the average time of stay for women?*
 - d) *What percentage of women without children were provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence?*
 3. a) *How many men with children were provided with temporary accommodation in each FACS district in NSW?*
 - b) *What was the cost of this for each period?*
 - c) *What was the average time of stay for men and children?*
 - d) *What percentage of men with children were provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence?*
 4. a) *How many men without children were provided with temporary accommodation in each FACS district in NSW?*
 - b) *What was the cost of this for each period?*
 - c) *What was the average time of stay for men?*
 - d) *What percentage of men without children were provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence?*

Please provide financial data without GST."

Please be advised that I have liaised with the Department of Family and Community's Insights, Analysis and Research Unit (FACSIAR), which were able to extract the requested information.

I have carefully considered your request in view of the objectives of the GIPA Act where you have a legally enforceable right to obtain information, unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the subject information. Further, I have also considered the requirements of section 74 of the GIPA Act, which provides that an agency may delete information from a record to which access is provided if the deleted information is not relevant, or within the scope of the information applied for, or an agency has decided to refuse access to that information.

In deciding which information to withhold in full or in part, I was required to conduct a "public interest test" where the public interest considerations favouring disclosure of government information were weighed against those factors that do not favour disclosure. The following are a number of public interest factors I considered which favour disclosure of the information requested:

- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to promote open discussion of public affairs, enhance Government accountability or contribute to positive and informed debate on issues of public importance.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to inform the public about the operations of agencies and, in particular, their policies and practices for dealing with members of the public.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ensure effective oversight of the expenditure of public funds.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to reveal or substantiate that an agency (or a member of an agency) has engaged in misconduct or negligent, improper or unlawful conduct.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to advance the fair treatment of individuals in accordance with the law in their dealings with agencies.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to contribute to the administration of justice generally, including procedural fairness.

I have decided to fully disclose the information extracted by FACSIAR in accordance with section 58(1)(a) of the GIPA Act. The information disclosed in response to your access application is attached at Tab A, and I confirm the following in relation to the subject information:

- The information in Tab A is current as at 30 June for each financial year.
- Information relating to the total amount of temporary accommodation expenditure for each district is derived from the department's SAP system, and only aggregated data can be provided for each District.
- Women/men with/without children are determined by the gender of the main applicant in the household for temporary accommodation, and the age of household members.
- A household may have had multiple assistances, in multiple Districts, during a reporting period.
- FACSIAR has further confirmed that the reference to 'Invalid' in the list of Districts, refers to instances where the suburb/postcode a client was staying, could not be mapped to a District. For example, this may have occurred because of a data entry error.

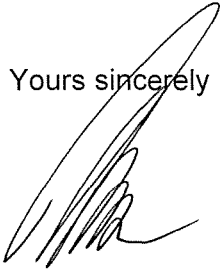
If you are aggrieved by any of the reviewable decisions in this notice of decision, you may seek a review under Part 5 of the GIPA Act, by requesting any one of the following:

- An internal review which must be lodged with the Right to Information Unit within 20 working days of this notice of decision. You must lodge your internal review at the address shown at the bottom of the first page and must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee of \$40.
- Alternatively, a request for an external review may be lodged with either the Information and Privacy Commission, or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Please note that you must lodge your request for an external review within 8 weeks of this notice of decision.

Further attached are a receipt for the amount of \$30, and a further two receipts for the amount of \$255, which represent the fees for processing your Formal Access Application.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me on telephone (02) 8753 8400.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bazzo', written over a white background.

Peter Bazzo
Senior Right to Information Officer
Right to Information Unit
Department of Family and Community Services, Legal

Tab A

2013-14 financial year

Districts	Number of women with children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women with children provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women without children provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence
Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains	293	3	16.7%	741	3	9.2%
Hunter New England and Central Coast	398	3	13.3%	672	2	10.6%
Mid North Coast and Northern NSW	237	3	20.0%	401	3	15.4%
South Western Sydney	367	3	17.0%	659	3	11.8%
Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney	142	3	11.7%	612	3	9.8%
Murrumbidgee, Far West and Western NSW	217	3	13.9%	276	3	13.2%
Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW	173	3	21.8%	321	3	17.2%
Invalid	218	2	10.9%	481	2	11.9%
NSW	2045	3	15.7%	4163	3	11.7%

2014-15 financial year

Districts	Number of women with children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women with children provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women without children provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence
Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains	444	2	25.1%	796	2	20.1%
Hunter New England and Central Coast	616	2	25.2%	1003	2	18.9%
Mid North Coast and Northern NSW	362	2	23.0%	587	2	15.5%
South Western Sydney	495	2	25.4%	760	2	16.5%
Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney	184	2	34.9%	729	2	18.5%
Murrumbidgee, Far West and Western NSW	300	3	20.3%	402	3	21.2%
Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW	292	4	24.0%	435	3	22.4%
Invalid	242	2	19.6%	660	2	16.7%
NSW	2935	2	25.7%	5372	2	19.3%

2015-16 financial year

Districts	Number of women with children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women with children provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women without children provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence
Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains	573	3	38.3%	947	3	25.7%
Hunter New England and Central Coast	870	3	27.5%	1239	3	22.4%
Mid North Coast and Northern NSW	471	2	30.8%	744	3	25.6%
South Western Sydney	542	3	31.8%	852	3	21.2%
Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney	270	3	40.6%	818	3	25.0%
Murrumbidgee, Far West and Western NSW	367	3	31.0%	568	3	23.9%
Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW	411	4	28.4%	642	3	27.3%
Invalid	272	3	30.2%	709	3	22.1%
NSW	3776	3	33.0%	6519	3	25.3%

2016-17 financial year

Districts	Number of women with children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women with children provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of women without children provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence
Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains	210	3	33.7%	318	3	24%
Hunter New England and Central Coast	1052	3	28.5%	1711	3	25.8%
Mid North Coast and Northern NSW	495	2	33.2%	817	2	28.3%
South Western Sydney	147	3	33.2%	228	3	25.4%
Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney	378	4	38.3%	807	3	25.0%
Murrumbidgee, Far West and Western NSW	851	2	29.1%	1204	3	25.5%
Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW	887	3	35.9%	1801	3	27.8%
Invalid	319	3	28.9%	554	3	24.0%
NSW	4339	3	33.8%	7440	3	27.1%

Number of men with children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of men with children provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with temporary accommodation	Average length of stay (Rounded to the nearest whole night)	Percentage of men without children provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence
55	3	1.6%	1016	3	2.2%
96	3	4.1%	1200	2	3.0%
49	2	1.7%	529	3	3.4%
60	2	2.8%	1044	3	1.7%
36	2	4.3%	1420	3	1.6%
43	4	15.5%	582	3	3.7%
53	4	5.1%	583	4	3.4%
48	2	7.3%	800	2	1.7%
440	3	5.0%	7174	3	2.4%

Total temporary accommodation expenditure for all clients in the entire district (ex. GST)
\$3,309,558
\$1,176,573
\$960,448
\$2,289,091
\$2,002,464
\$671,869
\$584,801
\$226,862
\$11,221,667

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78	3	0.0%	1060	2	2.3%
156	2	3.0%	1617	2	2.9%
72	2	5.8%	807	2	4.8%
90	2	2.8%	1157	2	3.1%
34	3	2.9%	1486	3	2.5%
62	2	4.2%	873	3	2.6%
71	3	9.5%	748	4	3.9%
63	3	3.1%	1002	2	1.8%
626	2	4.0%	8750	2	3.3%

Total temporary accommodation expenditure for all clients in the entire district (ex. GST)
\$3,470,260
\$1,885,045
\$1,230,950
\$2,632,375
\$2,500,433
\$870,662
\$1,074,997
\$312,396
\$13,977,117

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96	3	7.3%	1179	3	1.8%
176	2	3.5%	1922	2	2.6%
103	3	5.5%	963	3	4.6%
96	2	1.9%	1243	3	3.1%
43	3	4.4%	1694	3	1.9%
82	3	6.4%	1133	3	2.9%
96	4	7.7%	1008	4	3.2%
54	3	5.6%	1353	2	2.2%
746	3	5.4%	10495	3	3.1%

Total temporary accommodation expenditure for all clients in the entire district (ex. GST)
\$3,524,786
\$3,002,708
\$2,151,442
\$3,493,333
\$4,273,075
\$1,382,348
\$2,562,497
\$1,541,712
\$21,931,902

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55	3	0.9%	550	3	0.7%
235	3	3.3%	2650	2	3.4%
127	2	9.8%	1406	2	3.1%
25	3	3.3%	337	3	2.6%
68	4	10.6%	1208	3	1.9%
160	2	5.1%	1569	2	3.2%
165	4	14.3%	3629	4	4.1%
83	2	0.0%	784	3	2.2%
918	3	5.8%	12133	3	3.3%

Total temporary accommodation expenditure for all clients in the entire district (ex. GST)
\$5,256,416
\$3,482,018
\$2,024,096
\$2,746,693
\$6,406,190
\$1,491,347
\$3,130,465
\$1,208,205
\$25,745,430