Under section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act), any person is entitled to apply for access to documents that fall within its scope, that is, Commonwealth government documents after 1970.

A request under the Act must be in writing or email and give details of how notices under the Act may be sent to the applicant. A request must identify the documents that you wish to see. This form can be used to make a request, if you wish.

The Government Relations Information Access Team can assist you to identify the sort of documents held by the Australian Federal Police. Please provide as much information as possible about the documents you are seeking and a phone number or email address so you can be contacted, if necessary, to discuss the request.

The information on the form below is used to assist identifying relevant personal information, where requested.

Effective from 1 November 2010, requests to access documents under the Freedom of Information Act are not subject to an application fee. Applications for a review of decisions made under the Freedom of Information Act are also not subject to an application fee.

When a request has been processed, charges may be imposed.

Once a Freedom of Information application is accepted, preliminary inquiries will be made and you will be notified of any estimate of the charges associated with processing your request as soon as possible.

Payment of charges can be made by cheque/money order (in favour of the Receiver of Public Monies).

In some circumstances the charges can be remitted. If you want to ask that the charges not apply to your request, the criteria which the AFP can consider include whether:

- the payment of the fee or a part of the fee would cause financial hardship to the applicant or person on whose behalf the application was made; or
- the giving of access to documents is in the general public interest or in the interest of a substantial section of the public.

You would need to make representations and provide sufficient evidence, in writing, for the FOI Team to consider the claim.

The FOI Act provides for charges associated with the processing of the request, for example:

- $15 per hour for locating documents
- $20 per hour for decision making and consultation
- 10¢ per page of photocopy
- $6.25 per half hour or part thereof for supervised inspection

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Government Relations Information Access Team:

Freedom of Information
Australian Federal Police
GPO Box 401
Canberra ACT 2601

Email: foi@afp.gov.au
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

APPLICANT DETAILS
Surname *
Given names *
Date of birth*  Telephone
Address where notices relating to this request can be sent (postal address or electronic)

IDENTIFICATION *
If you are seeking access to your personal information please include a photocopy of your passport or driver’s licence or other form of photographic identification)

*This personal information must be supplied if you are seeking access to personal information.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OR OTHER PARTY ACTING ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT.
Firm
Name
Telephone
Please provide a copy of the authority form to act on behalf of the applicant
Authority to act attached   Yes   No

APPLICATION DETAILS
Please describe the documents you want as clearly as you can
Date of Incident   Time of Incident
Place of Incident
Incident number (if known)
Name/s of police attending
Other details

Please continue on a separate page if required.

I would like the following documents:

Please continue on a separate page if required.

Please send a copy of the documents to the address above   Yes   No
OR
Please make arrangements for me to inspect the documents   Yes   No

I consent to exclude the names of AFP members other than Senior Executive and direct telephone numbers, signatures and mobile telephone numbers.   Yes   No

Signature   Date

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The information you supply on this form will be used only for the purpose for which you have provided it. It will not be disclosed without your consent unless statutory obligations require otherwise.