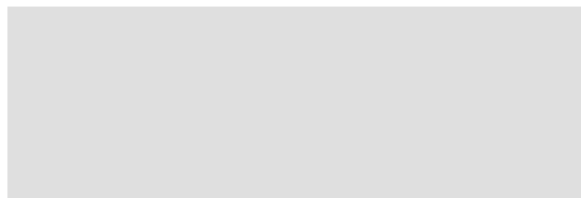




7 March 2025



Dear [REDACTED]

Notice of Decision Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

I refer to your access application lodged under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act) with the Department of Communities and Justice (the Department).

Summary of Access Application

Your application was received on 6 January 2025. You requested access to the following information:

In the financial years 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/2022; 2022/2023; 2023/2024

1.
 - (a) *How many women with children were provided with Temporary Accommodation in each DCJ 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 DCJ district in NSW?*
 - (b) *What was the cost of this for each period?*
 - (c) *What as the average time of stay for women?*
 - (d) *What percentage of women with children were provided with temporary accommodation because of domestic violence?*
3.
 - (a) *How many men with children were provided with temporary accommodation in each DCJ 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 DCJ 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?
- 5.
- (a) How many women experiencing domestic violence accessed Temporary Accommodation more than once within each of the listed years?
 - (b) What was the average number of re-entries of TA clients per year?
- 6.
- What is the number of women with and without children on temporary visas in TA due to DV for each of the listed years?*

On 8 January 2025, the Department advised that the application was invalid because the GIPA Act is not a vehicle for seeking answers to questions. On 27 January 2025, you revised the scope of your application to the following:

For the financial years of 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024, in each district in NSW

1. *Number of women with children provided with temporary accommodation*
 - *Average length of stay*
 - *Percentage provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence*
2. *Number of women without children provided with temporary accommodation*
 - *Average length of stay*
 - *Percentage provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence*
3. *Number of men with children provided with temporary accommodation*
 - *Average length of stay*
 - *Percentage provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence*
4. *Number of men without children provided with temporary accommodation*
 - *Average length of stay*
 - *Percentage provided temporary accommodation because of domestic violence*
5. *Number of women experiencing domestic violence that accessed temporary accommodation more than once within the financial year*
 - *Average number of re-entries into temporary accommodation*

On 28 January 2025, the Department acknowledged the application as valid and advised that the due date for the decision is 24 February 2025.

On 17 February 2025, the Department sent you a notice requesting that you pay a 50% advance deposit of \$120.00 by 18 March 2025 and advised that the above due date would change. On 21 February 2025, the Department received the full \$240.00 payment of process charges.

On 27 February 2025, the Department confirmed receipt of the processing charges and advised that the application was due to be decided by 7 March 2025.

Decision

I am authorised by the Department's principal officer, for the purposes of section 9(3) of the GIPA Act, to decide your access application.

I have decided:

- Under section 58(1)(a) of the GIPA Act, to provide access to some of the information sought in your access application, and
- Under section 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, that some of the information sought in your application is not held by the Department.

These are reviewable decisions under section 80 of the GIPA Act.

Searches for information

The Department is required by section 53(2) of the GIPA Act to undertake such reasonable searches as may be necessary to locate any government information sought in an access application.

Searches were conducted by the Family and Community Services Insights, Analysis & Research (FACSIAR) team. FACSIAR used search terms based on the information provided by you in your application. Accordingly, I am satisfied that reasonable searches have been undertaken in relation to your application.

Decision that information is not held

I refer to the re-entry information requested in your access application, as stated above at point 5.

Searches were conducted for the above information. These searches yielded no relevant results. FACSIAR advised that the Department does not report on the number of assistances provided per household. On these grounds, I have determined that the requested information is not held by the Department.

A decision that information is not held by the Department is a reviewable decision pursuant to s 80(e) of the GIPA Act.

Decision to provide access

I have 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 if the deleted information does not fall within the scope of the information applied for.

In deciding your application, 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. On this occasion, I have not identified any public interest factors against the disclosure of the information that you have requested.

Therefore, in accordance with section 58(1)(a) of the GIPA Act, I have decided to provide you with a complete copy of the information held by the Department that falls within the scope of your request.

Review Rights

If you disagree with any of the decisions in this notice that are reviewable, you may seek a review under Part 5 of the GIPA Act. You have three review options:

- Internal review by another officer of the Department who is no less senior than me, within 20 working days of this notice, together with the prescribed internal review fee of \$40.00;
- External review by the NSW Information Commissioner, within 40 working days of the date of this notice; or
- External administrative review by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, within 40 working days of the date of this notice.

I have also **enclosed** a fact sheet which provides further details about your review rights.

Further Information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Emily.Herschderfer@dcj.nsw.gov.au.

Kind regards

Emily Herschderfer

Solicitor

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2018-19 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	284	8.8	36%	439	8.0	28%	57	11.6	4%	729	8.1	4%
Far West	13	3.3	23%	21	2.8	24%	5	6.6	0%	32	3.2	3%
Hunter and New England	773	5.9	29%	1,257	5.1	24%	207	6.2	7%	1,976	5.8	4%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	259	15.5	47%	388	12.9	38%	49	15.2	4%	719	10.8	4%
Invalid (records with no district entered)	86	10.3	31%	249	9.4	21%	18	7.0	0%	372	9.3	2%
Mid North Coast	274	8.4	25%	395	8.2	25%	65	6.9	5%	634	7.3	4%
Murrumbidgee	206	8.1	30%	325	6.9	26%	44	8.6	0%	588	7.9	4%
Nepean Blue Mountains	87	11.3	28%	180	10.9	19%	21	15.0	14%	330	12.4	3%
Northern NSW	263	7.1	32%	526	5.1	26%	65	5.7	5%	713	5.2	3%
Northern Sydney	93	9.2	68%	195	12.2	39%	15	11.5	0%	355	12.0	6%
South Eastern Sydney	82	15.6	33%	213	11.7	26%	14	19.5	0%	253	18.1	4%
South Western Sydney	443	10.3	39%	751	9.7	27%	99	9.3	2%	1,246	9.0	4%
Southern NSW	155	10.0	37%	201	6.2	27%	35	5.8	11%	351	6.2	5%
Sydney	177	13.4	38%	718	14.6	31%	32	18.5	6%	1,604	21.2	2%
Western NSW	289	6.0	26%	361	5.5	26%	66	6.1	12%	591	5.5	4%
Western Sydney	604	9.2	35%	997	8.5	25%	107	12.1	7%	1,574	9.9	3%
NSW	4,088	9.0	34%	7,216	8.6	27%	899	9.1	6%	12,067	10.0	4%

2019-20 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	309	14.0	30%	601	13.3	20%	61	19.1	5%	1,084	15.3	2%
Far West	12	5.4	33%	15	4.3	13%	1	3.0	0%	12	2.3	0%
Hunter	528	10.5	31%	914	9.6	23%	115	10.6	4%	1,470	9.6	4%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	259	16.3	44%	495	13.8	35%	66	21.9	9%	829	16.6	4%
Mid North Coast	188	9.7	28%	270	10.6	27%	58	11.6	9%	457	11.9	5%
Murrumbidgee	189	10.4	38%	363	9.5	21%	38	11.7	13%	655	10.8	3%
Nepean Blue Mountains	88	10.6	42%	187	11.0	19%	19	17.2	5%	292	12.6	4%
New England	287	9.2	21%	461	9.0	23%	72	9.9	3%	683	9.2	4%
Northern NSW	370	10.2	32%	714	11.0	22%	91	10.2	9%	1,158	14.2	3%
Northern Sydney	82	12.1	51%	226	14.5	35%	12	17.6	0%	392	18.6	4%
South Eastern Sydney	164	17.1	32%	890	21.6	16%	41	21.9	2%	2,463	26.3	2%
South Western Sydney	472	14.9	33%	770	15.5	23%	88	22.0	3%	1,446	19.2	3%
Southern NSW	139	10.1	36%	205	9.0	32%	25	8.6	0%	401	10.4	5%
Sydney	139	14.4	49%	271	19.2	35%	15	21.9	7%	354	21.4	4%
Western NSW	302	10.4	38%	391	9.0	23%	69	15.0	7%	706	10.6	4%
Western Sydney	600	12.6	36%	1,057	12.9	27%	118	14.4	6%	1,679	14.1	3%
NSW	4,128	12.2	34%	7,830	13.1	24%	889	14.9	6%	14,081	16.1	3%

2020-21 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	301	11.5	28%	400	7.5	25%	98	9.8	5%	704	8.8	3%
Far West	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	100%	0	15.0	0%
Hunter	585	8.5	27%	823	7.8	27%	175	8.7	7%	1,413	8.4	4%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	328	15.4	41%	437	12.8	35%	115	19.5	6%	844	15.2	4%
Mid North Coast	217	9.9	23%	230	9.4	25%	76	11.0	7%	416	10.1	5%
Murrumbidgee	257	10.0	26%	327	8.9	26%	66	8.4	6%	606	9.6	5%
Nepean Blue Mountains	137	12.8	31%	146	11.3	24%	59	15.8	10%	224	13.0	3%
New England	327	10.1	22%	356	8.6	19%	105	11.6	6%	719	10.0	4%
Northern NSW	457	10.0	25%	597	11.5	21%	152	8.3	3%	1,089	13.9	4%
Northern Sydney	69	11.2	57%	164	13.0	36%	27	9.3	15%	348	12.9	3%
South Eastern Sydney	212	13.5	20%	716	15.7	21%	114	13.9	2%	1,962	16.8	2%
South Western Sydney	486	11.7	32%	706	12.7	26%	163	15.1	3%	1,367	11.7	4%
Southern NSW	187	10.5	32%	187	8.1	35%	64	10.0	16%	381	8.1	5%
Sydney	134	12.6	49%	324	12.2	35%	12	6.6	17%	253	11.5	3%
Western NSW	428	10.5	22%	382	7.9	27%	105	13.5	7%	707	8.9	4%
Western Sydney	567	8.9	33%	813	8.0	26%	195	11.3	6%	1,521	9.3	2%
NSW	4,692	10.7	29%	6,608	10.4	26%	1,527	11.9	6%	12,677	11.6	3%

2021-22 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	269	18.0	34%	481	13.6	26%	46	12.8	4%	821	14.5	4%
Far West	0	0	0%	3	15.3	33%	0	0	0%	12	2.8	8%
Hunter	574	11.6	31%	967	10.0	25%	118	11.2	6%	1,667	10.6	3%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	327	18.5	42%	537	15.8	29%	78	21.1	8%	897	16.0	6%
Mid North Coast	207	11.6	29%	252	11.3	21%	46	12.3	2%	416	12.2	4%
Murrumbidgee	255	13.9	27%	408	11.9	22%	49	16.1	4%	678	12.4	5%
Nepean Blue Mountains	121	13.4	34%	181	14.7	29%	25	19.5	4%	259	14.1	4%
New England	329	11.3	20%	437	10.4	19%	68	10.5	10%	693	10.5	4%
Northern NSW	333	12.9	30%	620	12.6	23%	86	15.7	5%	1,069	13.8	5%
Northern Sydney	62	12.5	58%	197	13.3	37%	14	9.9	14%	385	22.9	4%
South Eastern Sydney	159	15.6	38%	782	20.1	22%	35	22.3	9%	2,235	21.4	3%
South Western Sydney	533	14.8	32%	794	14.5	24%	91	16.3	8%	1,336	14.9	3%
Southern NSW	154	8.4	40%	263	8.0	29%	26	10.4	40%	408	9.3	5%
Sydney	327	14.5	46%	686	17.5	32%	53	14.0	6%	890	13.1	4%
Western NSW	391	13.7	25%	486	12.9	21%	85	16.4	7%	622	13.3	1%
Western Sydney	493	11.1	31%	852	9.8	24%	98	12.0	11%	1,740	11.5	4%
NSW	4,529	13.5	32%	7,926	13.4	25%	928	14.6	7%	14,128	14.4	4%

2022-23 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	214	8.9	30%	426	8.0	22%	42	11.0	5%	765	8.2	4%
Far West	9	3.0	22%	15	5.5	13%	0	0	0%	12	5.7	0%
Hunter	587	10.6	33%	1,091	8.4	24%	125	9.7	8%	1,716	8.6	4%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	288	15.8	43%	501	11.4	32%	59	14.5	15%	756	10.9	6%
Mid North Coast	180	12.9	24%	239	11.2	21%	42	13.7	5%	360	12.0	4%
Murrumbidgee	235	10.5	27%	366	9.6	21%	49	10.7	8%	581	10.8	4%
Nepean Blue Mountains	170	15.5	29%	166	12.4	27%	20	17.0	5%	248	10.3	4%
New England	323	10.8	21%	405	10.2	19%	76	12.9	9%	645	12.0	7%
Northern NSW	185	23.3	34%	413	33.7	21%	56	41.6	9%	862	37.1	4%
Northern Sydney	49	10.0	43%	227	12.4	31%	14	7.0	7%	417	16.9	6%
South Eastern Sydney	143	16.9	27%	727	12.1	19%	45	12.0	9%	2,034	10.3	3%
South Western Sydney	543	14.0	35%	774	13.2	26%	80	16.1	14%	1,228	11.9	4%
Southern NSW	118	8.3	36%	220	7.6	25%	28	8.4	21%	392	8.4	5%
Sydney	463	11.4	46%	893	12.4	34%	58	14.6	5%	980	10.3	4%
Western NSW	444	14.5	26%	536	11.5	24%	94	14.6	10%	818	10.4	5%
Western Sydney	394	10.3	28%	679	7.4	22%	84	12.7	13%	1,389	8.1	4%
NSW	4,345	12.7	32%	7,678	11.8	25%	872	14.6	10%	13,203	12.0	4%

2023-24 Financial Year

DISTRICT	Number of women with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women with children stayed	Percentage of women with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of women without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights women without children stayed	Percentage of women without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men with children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men with children stayed	Percentage of men with children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence	Number of men without children provided with Temporary Accommodation	Average nights men without children stayed	Percentage of men without children provided Temporary Accommodation because of domestic violence
Central Coast	279	25.9	38%	547	19.4	29%	61	29.1	10%	888	17.2	5%
Far West	9	13.9	33%	10	11.8	10%	3	31.7	33%	15	14.4	13%
Hunter	676	20.9	35%	1,133	18.4	25%	169	20.6	9%	1,957	17.0	4%
Illawarra Shoalhaven	301	28.1	44%	463	25.3	32%	59	32.5	22%	699	19.7	6%
Mid North Coast	311	38.5	34%	419	30.5	29%	79	37.4	11%	729	29.6	6%
Murrumbidgee	270	27.7	31%	439	21.9	25%	64	29.2	8%	759	23.7	6%
Nepean Blue Mountains	246	31.0	35%	361	27.1	25%	72	33.1	11%	684	24.5	3%
New England	307	30.8	27%	354	30.0	19%	56	40.6	4%	573	30.9	4%
Northern NSW	214	78.5	37%	496	74.7	26%	58	89.9	9%	790	83.1	3%
Northern Sydney	71	27.9	44%	268	26.6	32%	9	38.7	22%	491	36.3	5%
South Eastern Sydney	189	27.7	34%	900	22.9	22%	41	33.5	5%	2,187	21.9	3%
South Western Sydney	671	39.5	32%	786	33.9	28%	118	36.0	9%	1,174	31.8	4%
Southern NSW	175	34.6	34%	256	27.8	30%	37	34.6	11%	481	28.2	6%
Sydney	407	35.1	48%	643	21.3	36%	51	34.2	10%	1,047	23.8	4%
Western NSW	483	30.2	35%	637	24.8	27%	115	26.8	11%	1,033	27.0	6%
Western Sydney	520	19.2	35%	831	16.0	28%	92	18.2	4%	1,483	15.8	4%
NSW	5,129	31.6	36%	8,543	26.6	27%	1,084	32.9	10%	14,990	26.3	4%