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Government Information (Public Access) - GIPA

On 1 July 2010 the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* came into effect, replacing the former freedom of information law.

The Act:

- creates new rights to information that are designed to meet community expectations of more open and transparent government
- encourages government agencies to proactively release government information.

For the purposes of the GIPA Act, information about reportable conduct matters under Part 4 of the *Children's Guardian Act 2019* (including report handling, investigative and reporting functions, and any functions

of the Children's Guardian relating to Official Community Visitors appointed under the *Children's Guardian Act 2019*) will be exempt.

To apply to the Office of the Children's Guardian for formal access to government information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, please [complete this application form and return to the Office of the Children's Guardian.](#) ([115KB](#))

All NSW public service agencies are required by s 20 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* to have an Agency Information Guide. [View or download the Agency Information Guide of the Office of the Children's Guardian](#) ([463.6KB](#)).

Disclosure log

The *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* provides that if the Office of the Children's Guardian releases information in response to a specific request, we must make it publicly available if it is considered to be of interest to other members of the public.

The majority of applications are requests for information concerning a particular individual. Generally, we consider such applications would not be of interest to other members of the public. As such, pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the GIPA Act, we would not normally disclose it in our disclosure log.

To date, there has been one access application which we consider would be of interest to other members of the public. Details of that

application are as below.

Disclosure log details

Date the application was decided	Description of information to which access was provided in response to the application	How the information can be accessed
24 March 2017	Report titled "Evaluation of the new Working with Children Check" dated 13 August 2015 prepared for the Office of the Children's Guardian by Ernst & Young	Published on the web - http://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/corporate-information

Government contracts register

The *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* requires information about contracts valued at \$150,000 or more that the Office of the Children's Guardian enters into with the private sector to be recorded in the register of government contracts.

The Office of the Children's Guardian is not currently party to any

contracts with private sector entities with a value of \$150,000 or more.

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