

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

[Legislative Council]

ASKED BY: Hon Meg Webb MLC

ANSWERED BY:

QUESTION:

Regarding the Right to Information Assessed Disclosure Reference RTI 441/23 which relates to the police funeral for former Officer Mr Paul Reynolds, can the government please:

1. Explain why the Disclosed RTI documents dated 10th November 2023 were not uploaded onto the Tasmania Police Disclosure log at the time of release?
2. Confirm the Disclosed RTI documents were not published on the Tasmania Police Disclosure Log until the 19th March 2024, following media reports on the 18th of March on the matter?, and
3. Detail current policy requirements and timeframes in which RTI disclosures are to be uploaded onto Tasmania Police Disclosure Logs?

ANSWER:

1. An administrative error resulted in DPFEM not consistently adding relevant assessed information to the disclosure log publicly available on the Departmental website.
2. Disclosed RTI documents in relation to RTI 441/23 were published on the Departmental website on 19 March 2024.
3. Since this oversight has been identified, DPFEM have reviewed RTI disclosures made in the last 12 months, with nine disclosures identified that should have been published on the disclosure log. These disclosures have since been published and are available from the Tasmania Police website.

All disclosures meeting the criteria for publication on the disclosure log will in future be published within two business days of release to the applicant.

The RTI policy and associated forms and guidelines are currently being reviewed.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

The Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

Date: