

# Facial Recognition CCTV Cameras

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Council

Council Member  
Councillor Martin

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Having regard to the decision of Council concerning the purchase of new CCTV Cameras, at its meeting on 9 November 2021, for the administration to "... seek a formal undertaking from SAPOL that it will not use camera facial recognition technology unless and until the Parliament in South Australia adopts legislation consistent with biometric surveillance, facial and privacy recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Law Council", can the Administration advise if the formal undertaking was sought, and, if so, what is the outcome?'

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## REPLY

1. Following Council's decision of 9 November 2021, a letter was sent from the Acting Chief Executive Officer on 2 December 2021 to the South Australia Police (SAPOL) advising of Council's request, and seeking SAPOL's consideration to the request "*that SAPOL provide a formal undertaking that it will not use camera facial recognition technology unless and until the parliament in South Australia adopts legislation consistent with biometric surveillance, facial and privacy recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Law Council*".
2. As of March 7 2022, we have not received a formal response from SAPOL.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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