

# Councillor Couros - QoN - Freedom of Information - SAPOL Communications

Tuesday, 24 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

In light of recent media reporting and public comments made by an elected member regarding communications between SA Police and City of Adelaide, several community members and ratepayers have expressed concern about the council not being transparent regarding the FOI request.

Given the elected member concerned has now publicly discussed aspects of the matter and was clear that transparency is important, I ask the Administration to advise:

1. Whether the public statements made by the councillor regarding the incident and existence of communications with SA Police alter the basis on which the documents were withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (SA)
2. Whether, in light of the matter now being publicly discussed by the councillor concerned, the Administration will reconsider the decision to refuse release of the three communications referenced in the FOI request.
3. If the decision is reconsidered, can the Administration explain how the continued withholding of the documents remains justified since the subject of the communications is already publicly commenting on the matter?
4. Whether the Administration has considered the public interest in maintaining transparency and public confidence in the City of Adelaide, given the perception within the community that the council may be withholding information

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## REPLY

The following response addresses the question raised, maintaining the original numbering for clarity.

1. No.
2. Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991 (SA)*, there are no statutory provisions for decisions to be reconsidered in these circumstances.
3. Not Applicable.
4. The *Freedom of Information Act 1991 (SA)* does not contain any statutory provisions that require a public interest test to be applied.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 2 hours.
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