

FOI 002-2024-25

Application seeking enforcement action against childcare operators over the past five years:

1. For 2024 to today's date and each of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, every **show cause notice issued** in relation to childcare.
2. For **each of the show cause notices** above, a document showing the outcome (for example suspension, cancelation, prosecution or no further action).
3. For 2024 to today's date and each of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, **a document showing details of every prosecution related to childcare**. This document should include the alleged facts relied upon in the prosecution.
4. For 2024 to today's date and each of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, **copies of every enforceable undertaking** related to childcare.
5. For 2024 to today's date and each of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, **a document tabulating**
 - a) the number of show cause notices issued,
 - b) the number of suspensions,
 - c) the number of cancellations,
 - d) the number of prosecutions,
 - e) the number of no further action decisions taken in relation to childcare centres.

*For each of categories a) through e), please also provide a breakdown between **for-profit** and **not-for-profit providers** for each relevant period.*

Year	Enforcement Action	Total	For-Profit	Not-for-Profit
2020	Show cause notices	0	0	0
	Suspension	0	0	0
	Cancellations	0	0	0
	Prosecutions	0	0	0
	No further action	444	117	274
2021	Show cause notices	0	0	0
	Suspension	0	0	0
	Cancellations	0	0	0
	Prosecutions	0	0	0
	No further action	586	166	365
2022	Show cause notices	0	0	0
	Suspension	0	0	0
	Cancellations	0	0	0
	Prosecutions	0	0	0
	No further action	2149	542	1379
2023	Show cause notices	0	0	0
	Suspension	0	0	0
	Cancellations	0	0	0
	Prosecutions	0	0	0
	No further action	740	218	422
2024 <small>* End date 29.10.24</small>	Show cause notices	0	0	0
	Suspension	0	0	0
	Cancellations	0	0	0
	Prosecutions	0	0	0
	No further action	644	189	375

Note: Limitations on FOI Request – No Further Action

ACECQA provides Regulatory Authorities the following guidance when considering no further action on a case:

'No Further Action: *This can have different meanings in different jurisdictions, ranging from no or minimal action was taken, to, several activities were undertaken to conclude that the major actions of a case did not have to be done for this case.'*

With respect to item 5. e) *the number of no further action decisions taken in relation to childcare centres*, this data request does not consider the full scope of regulatory compliance actions that may be taken to mitigate risk to children.

Note: Limitations on FOI Request – Provider Management Type

Further to this request is a *breakdown between **for-profit** and **not-for-profit providers** for each relevant period*. Limitations on the data request excludes all provider management types.

Note: Limitations on FOI Request – 2022 data contains notification of COVID cases

Additional compliance actions not within this request include:

- Emergency action notices
- Compliance direction issued
- Compliance notice issued
- Prohibition notice issued
- Enforceable undertakings
- Direction to exclude inappropriate persons
- Administrative letter issued
- Caution letters issued
- Meetings held
- Monitoring plans implemented

Additional provider management types not within this request include:

- State/Territory and Local Government Managed
- State/Territory Government Schools
- Independent Schools
- Catholic Schools
- Other