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Dear Ms Centofanti

APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 5 December 2022.

Your application seeks access to:

"A copy of all correspondence between the Treasurer and the Member for Waite between 19 March 2022 and 5 December 2022."

A determination on your initial application was not made within the 30-day time period required by the FOI Act. Accordingly, the Office of the Treasurer was deemed to have refused access in full to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory timeframe had been met.

An extensive search was conducted within this office, with a total of five documents found that fall within scope of your application.

I grant you access in full to 1 document; copy of which is enclosed.
I refuse you access in full to 4 document.

I have refused in full documents 1-4 under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*
- (2) *A document is an exempt document if it contains allegations or suggestions of criminal or other improper conduct on the part of a person (living or dead) the truth of which has not been established by judicial process and the disclosure of which would be unreasonable.*

(3) A document is not an exempt document by virtue of subclause (1) or (2) merely because it contains information concerning the person by or on whose behalf an application for access to the document is made.

(3a) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—

- a. consisting of information concerning a person who is presently under the age of 18 years or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity or concerning such a person's family or circumstances, or information of any kind furnished by a person who was under that age or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity when the information was furnished; and
- b. the disclosure of which would be unreasonable having regard to the need to protect that person's welfare.

Disclosure of documents 1-4 would be unreasonable as they contain personal information of a Waite constituent, including details of a medical and financial nature. As no indication has been made that the application for access to these documents was made on behalf of this constituent, I have determined to exempt these documents pursuant to clause 6(1).

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the Act.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please either write a letter or send Application for Review of Determination form to the Principal Officer, the Treasurer, Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Office of the Treasurer on (08) 8226 1866.

Yours sincerely



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Accredited FOI Officer
Office of the Treasurer

11 January 2023

Schedule of Documents

A2689369 - Hon Nicola Centofanti - " A copy of all correspondence between the Treasurer and the Member for Waite. From 21 March 2022 to 5 December 2022. "

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Public Interest
1	27/04/2022	Letter from Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite	2	Refused in full	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	Personal information of a medical and financial nature.
2		Attachment to Document 1 - Letter from Super SA	3	Refused in full	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	Personal information of a medical and financial nature.
3		Attachment to Document 1 - Email from Super SA	2	Refused in full	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	Personal information of a medical and financial nature.
4	18/05/2022	Letter to Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite	2	Refused in full	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	Personal information of a medical and financial nature.
5	7/10/2022	Letter to Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite	2	Released in full		

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Dear Ms Hutchesson

RESOURCING FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

I am writing in relation to a number of recently approved changes to House of Assembly Members electorate office resourcing.

Global Allowance

The Governor, in Executive Council, has approved an increase to the base Global Allowance allocations for 2022-23 of \$4,956.

As a result, your 2022-23 base allocation is now \$67,894.26. This will be reflected on your next monthly statement.

Carry-over funds from 2021-22 have been included as part of the Treasury and Finance carry-over submission to Cabinet. You will be notified as soon as this has been determined.

In addition, amendments have been made to the *Global Allowance Guidance Notes*, specifically the exclusion list on pages 1 and 2, to explicitly refer to flowers, hire of promotional/entertainment services as well as to provide further clarification in relation to donations, and also a definition of gifts and promotional material.

A copy of the updated *Global Allowance Guidance Notes* is attached. Please ensure that both you and your staff are aware of the new excluded items.

Furniture and Equipment Allocation

An additional allocation of \$5,000 each parliamentary term has also been introduced for the purchase of electorate office furniture and equipment items. This funding will alleviate the burden on the Global Allowance to cover this type of expenditure.

These funds will be managed by Electorate Services, however you will be able to purchase items at your discretion. Invoices for items purchased from this new allocation will still need to be stamped and signed by either you or your nominated delegate, and should also clearly state that this expenditure is to be debited against the furniture and equipment allocation, not the Global Allowance.

Electorate Services, Facilities Management team can provide advice and assistance when determining the suitability of specific items.

Electorate Services will also provide regular updates on your balance of funds.

Staff Resources

Cabinet has approved allowing Members the choice of continuing to engage a trainee under the current arrangements, or as an alternative to the traineeship program, you will now have the option to employ an Electorate Office Assistant equivalent to 0.6 FTE on a temporary contract for 1 year, in accordance with the *Assistants to the Members of the South Australian Parliament Enterprise Agreement 2021* (or any subsequent agreement).

Offices opting to employ an Electorate Office Assistant 0.6 FTE in place of a trainee may only do so once the existing trainee contract has come to an end.

Please contact Lisa Samarzia, Business Operations Manager on 8429 0757 if you wish to discuss options to meet your staffing requirements.

If you have any queries in relation to the administration of your Global Allowance allocation or the new furniture funding allocation, please contact Paul Tatarelli, Manager Electorate Services on 8226 2995 or Tony Smith, Policy and Entitlements Manager on 8226 3605.

Yours sincerely



Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP
Treasurer

7 October 2022

Att: Global Allowance Guidance Notes