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Dear Mr Speirs

### **Freedom of Information Internal Review — Over expenditure of Leader of the Opposition budget**

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received by the Department of Treasury and Finance on 11 August 2022 and your Internal Review application received on 1 November 2022.

Your applications specifically requested:

*“All correspondence, including but not limited to, written and electronic briefings, agendas, memos, minutes, electronic short messages, emails, contemporaneous written (including handwritten and/or electronic) notes from person to person meetings (in person or via video or audio or phone conferencing) and calendar/diary entries regarding advice from the Department of Treasury and Finance to the Premier, his Chief of Staff and/or advisers and administrative staff in the Premier’s office, in relation to over expenditures of the Leader of the Opposition budget for the 2021/22 financial year for the period 21 March 2022 to 11 Aug 2022.”*

### **Determination under review**

DTF did not make a determination on your initial application within the 30-day time period required by the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (the Act). Accordingly, DTF was deemed to have refused access in full to all documents relevant to your application.

### **Outcome of internal review**

Under section 29(3) of the FOI Act, on an application for internal review, as principal officer I may confirm, vary or reverse the determination under review. In doing so, I am required to give fresh consideration to the decision under the FOI Act

I have determined to **vary** the original determination dated 23 September 2022.

A total of two documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

- I grant you access in full to one document, a copy of which is enclosed, and
- I grant you access in part to one document, a copy of which is enclosed.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

**Document released in full**

Document 1

**Document released in part**

Document 2 contains general ledger account numbers which form part of the business and financial affairs of the Government of South Australia. These account numbers are still active. If released there is a possibility some adverse effect could flow from their disclosure. As the release of this information is not likely to enhance participation by members of the public in the democratic process but could possibly have some adverse effect on the state's financial affairs, DTF considers that, on balance, it would be contrary to the public interest to release it. Therefore, DTF have exempted the information pursuant to clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

**Exemptions*****Clause 7 – Documents affecting business affairs***

(1) *A document is an exempt document—*

- ...  
(c) *if it contains matter—*
- (i) *consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person; and*
  - (ii) *the disclosure of which—*
    - (A) *could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and*
    - (B) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DTF is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

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://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars> Please visit the website for further information.

**External review**

If you remain dissatisfied with this determination, you have the right to apply to the Ombudsman for external review under section 39 of the FOI Act. You have 30 days from the date on which you receive this letter to apply for an external review. If you have any questions about an application to the Ombudsman, please contact the office on (08) 8226 8699.

Yours sincerely



Tammie Pribanic  
A/PRINCIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

## Schedule of Documents

T&F22/1004 - HON DAVID SPEIRS MP - *"All correspondence, including but not limited to, written and electronic briefings, agendas, memos, minutes, electronic short messages, emails, contemporaneous written (including handwritten and/or electronic) notes from person to person meetings (in person or via video or audio or phone conferencing) and calendar/diary entries regarding advice from the Department of Treasury and Finance to the Premier, his Chief of Staff and/or advisers and administrative staff in the Premier's office, in relation to over expenditures of the Leader of the Opposition budget for the 2021/22 financial year for the period 21 March 2022 to 11 Aug 2022."*

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination	Exemption Clause
1	7/04/2022	Email	1	Released in full	
2	7/04/2022	Attachment to 1	3	Released in part	7(1)(c)(i)(ii)(A)(B) - Contains information concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or person & contrary to public interest

**From:** [Smith, Tony \(DTF\)](#)  
**To:** [Bistrovic, John \(DPC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Tatarelli, Paul \(DTF\)](#)  
**Subject:** Former Leader of the Opposition's March 2022 expenditure reports.  
**Date:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 9:37:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [LOPP Fund Summary Mar 2022.pdf](#)  
[LOPP Transactions Mar 2022.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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John,

Please find attached Fund Summary and transaction reports for March 2022, for the former Leader's Office.

Regards,

**Tony Smith**

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# Leader of the Opposition Fund Operating Summary by Branch with Object Details (MTD&YTD) 002

For Month Ending March, 2022

	Account Number	Full Year Budget	Actuals	Month to Date Revised Budget	Variance	Actuals	Year to Date Revised Budget	Variance
393: Support Services to Parliamentarians								
9500: Sup Svces to Parliamentarians-Leader of the Oppn								
Operating Revenues								
Total Operating Revenues	0	0.00	0	0.00		0.00	0	0.00
Operating Expenses								
Direct Expenditure								
Employee Costs								
Salaries and Wages payments	Clause 7(1)(c)	778,000	105,088.82	66,000	(39,088.82)	898,915.46	778,000	(120,915.46)
Salaries and Wages accrued		0	14,654.20	0	(14,654.20)	(15,110.42)	0	15,110.42
Annual Leave Payments		39,000	0.00	4,000	4,000.00	24,499.44	39,000	14,500.56
Long Service Leave payments		0	1,590.21	0	(1,590.21)	32,115.71	0	(32,115.71)
Skilled Employee Retention Leave-Payment		0	0.00	0	0.00	611.54	0	(611.54)
Triple S scheme		83,000	10,667.92	3,000	(7,667.92)	95,834.43	83,000	(12,834.43)
Super Contributions accrued		0	1,480.08	0	(1,480.08)	(1,526.15)	0	1,526.15
Payroll Tax payments		44,000	5,808.64	4,000	(1,808.64)	53,398.63	44,000	(9,398.63)
Payroll tax accrued		0	798.64	0	(798.64)	(823.51)	0	823.51
Terminal Annual Leave		0	0.00	0	0.00	9,053.77	0	(9,053.77)
Terminal Long Service Leave		0	0.00	0	0.00	15,532.98	0	(15,532.98)
Non-Executive Car Parking Charges-NSAG		3,000	321.85	0	(321.85)	2,607.32	3,000	392.68
Fringe Benefits Tax		10,000	266.00	10,000	9,734.00	2,394.00	10,000	7,606.00
Total Employee Costs		957,000	140,676.36	87,000	(53,676.36)	1,117,503.20	957,000	(160,503.20)
Accommodation and Service Costs								
Mobile Phones	Clause 7(1)(c)	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,095.30	0	(1,095.30)
Total Accommodation and Service Costs		0	0.00	0	0.00	1,095.30	0	(1,095.30)
General Administration								
Advertising	Clause 7(1)(c)	5,000	0.00	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	5,000	5,000.00
Occupational Health and Safety		0	1,020.84	0	(1,020.84)	4,356.49	0	(4,356.49)
Training Courses & Materials (external)		5,000	0.00	0	0.00	5,700.00	5,000	(700.00)
Conference, Seminar and Workshop Fees		5,000	0.00	0	0.00	257.73	5,000	4,742.27
Stationery		5,000	1,992.13	1,000	(992.13)	3,533.48	5,000	1,466.52
Publications and Subscriptions		5,000	589.31	1,000	410.69	3,907.01	5,000	1,092.99



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For Month Ending March, 2022

Account Number	Full Year Budget	Month to Date			Year to Date		
		Actuals	Revised Budget	Variance	Actuals	Revised Budget	Variance

## 393: Support Services to Parliamentarians

### 9500: Sup Svces to Parliamentarians-Leader of the Oppn

#### General Administration


#### Clause 7(1)(c)

Research & Reference Material	0	0.00	0	0.00	62.50	0	(62.50)
Catering	8,000	636.64	0	(636.64)	6,730.14	8,000	1,269.86
Staff Amenities	5,000	231.08	1,000	768.92	(6,495.17)	5,000	11,495.17
Couriers (Including Freight)	2,000	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2,000	2,000.00
Hire of Facilities	6,000	7,987.20	0	(7,987.20)	13,575.98	6,000	(7,575.98)
Taxi fares	3,000	108.65	0	(108.65)	1,477.24	3,000	1,522.76
Motor Vehicle Hire - NSAG	0	354.59	0	(354.59)	1,088.20	0	(1,088.20)
Other Transport costs-Gen Govt	0	30.00	0	(30.00)	40.00	0	(40.00)
Other Transport costs-NSAG	1,000	283.40	0	(283.40)	3,069.20	1,000	(2,069.20)
General Printing	30,000	5,770.00	3,000	(2,770.00)	61,561.46	30,000	(31,561.46)
Photocopier Charges	8,000	180.00	0	(180.00)	5,879.62	8,000	2,120.38
Postage	25,000	12,656.10	2,000	(10,656.10)	55,423.00	25,000	(30,423.00)
Editing/Design Fees	0	142.16	0	(142.16)	622.16	0	(622.16)
Advertising - General	5,000	0.00	0	0.00	3,670.02	5,000	1,329.98
Radio/Television	5,000	0.00	0	0.00	1,254.55	5,000	3,745.45
Publicity and Promotions - NSAG	20,000	29,040.52	0	(29,040.52)	53,915.64	20,000	(33,915.64)
Photographs	2,000	1,303.00	0	(1,303.00)	3,774.12	2,000	(1,774.12)
Entertainment General	3,000	1,614.00	0	(1,614.00)	1,649.73	3,000	1,350.27
Entertainment - FBT	2,000	200.00	0	(200.00)	1,969.09	2,000	30.91
Office Equipment (Non-I.T.) Expensed	5,000	327.04	0	(327.04)	5,522.15	5,000	(522.15)
Furniture & Fittings Expensed- NSAG	3,000	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	3,000	3,000.00
Office Equipment (Non-I.T.) - Rental	3,000	250.00	0	(250.00)	430.00	3,000	2,570.00
Plant Hire	1,000	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1,000	1,000.00
Service level agreement fee - SSSA	0	0.00	0	0.00	78.05	0	(78.05)
Airfares - Interstate	3,000	122.57	0	(122.57)	122.57	3,000	2,877.43
Airfares - Intrastate	2,000	2,274.51	0	(2,274.51)	5,115.05	2,000	(3,115.05)
Accommodation - Interstate	3,000	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	3,000	3,000.00
Accommodation - Intrastate	3,000	3,319.18	0	(3,319.18)	11,305.81	3,000	(8,305.81)
Other Travel Expenses	2,000	0.00	0	0.00	884.54	2,000	1,115.46
Meals and Incidentals Allowance	0	0.00	0	0.00	290.45	0	(290.45)
Wreaths/Flowers/Plants	3,000	128.06	0	(128.06)	1,787.82	3,000	1,212.18



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393: Support Services to Parliamentarians								
9500: Sup Svces to Parliamentarians-Leader of the Oppn								
General Administration								
Official Gifts	Clause 7(1)(c)	0	184.73	0	(184.73)	1,476.45	0	(1,476.45)
Miscellaneous Payments-NSAG		453,000	0.00	453,000	453,000.00	0.00	453,000	453,000.00
Total General Administration		631,000	70,745.71	462,000	391,254.29	254,035.08	631,000	376,964.92
Information Technology Expenses								
Software Expensed	Clause 7(1)(c)	2,000	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2,000	2,000.00
IT Equipment Expensed		2,000	0.00	0	0.00	8,357.58	2,000	(6,357.58)
IT Equipment - Rental		8,000	0.00	0	0.00	3,932.10	8,000	4,067.90
IT Equipment - R&M		1,000	0.00	0	0.00	104.55	1,000	895.45
Internet Expenses - NSAG		5,000	750.00	1,000	250.00	7,769.07	5,000	(2,769.07)
Software Licence Fees		4,000	0.00	0	0.00	1,349.04	4,000	2,650.96
Total Information Technology Expenses		22,000	750.00	1,000	250.00	21,512.34	22,000	487.66
Consultants								
Consultants - General	Clause 7(1)(c)	28,000	145,373.69	0	(145,373.69)	335,527.05	28,000	(307,527.05)
Total Consultants		28,000	145,373.69	0	(145,373.69)	335,527.05	28,000	(307,527.05)
Contractors								
Contractors - General	Clause 7(1)(c)	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,245.46	0	(5,245.46)
Total Contractors		0	0.00	0	0.00	5,245.46	0	(5,245.46)
Total Direct Expenditure		1,638,000	357,545.76	550,000	192,454.24	1,734,918.43	1,638,000	(96,918.43)
Indirect Expenditure								
Total Indirect Expenditure		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Total Operating Expenses		1,638,000	357,545.76	550,000	192,454.24	1,734,918.43	1,638,000	(96,918.43)
Net Cost of Services		1,638,000	357,545.76	550,000	192,454.24	1,734,918.43	1,638,000	(96,918.43)
Net Result (After Capital)		1,638,000	357,545.76	550,000	192,454.24	1,734,918.43	1,638,000	(96,918.43)