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Dear Mr Mullighan

**APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), dated 9 May 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

*"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Members of the Legislative Council – Funding for Trainee IT equipment' as described on the Objective document management system, between 12 July 2018 and 9 May 2019."*

The legislative prescribed timeframe to determine this application has expired and is now deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application. I refer to my letter dated 26 May 2019 where I sought additional time to make my determination.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 1 document was identified as answering the terms of your application.

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

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 is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

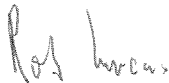
In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please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

As I am determining this application as Principal Officer, Section 29(6) of the Act does not provide for an internal review. If you are dissatisfied with my determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman.

Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. If you wish to seek a review, Section 39(3) of the Act states you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving the determination.

If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on 8226 9769.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Hon Rob Lucas MLC**  
*Principal Officer*

4 July 2019

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To The Treasurer

Through: A/Executive Director, Organisation and Governance

JB 17/7/18

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - FUNDING FOR TRAINEE IT EQUIPMENT

Timing: ROUTINE — For consideration

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- Approve option 1 being the provision of funding supplementation and expenditure authority of \$40,000 for 2018-19 and ongoing to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Parliamentary Network Support Group for the provision of IT equipment to 17 trainees working in the offices of Members of the Legislative Council.

Approved / Not Approved

- Approve option 2 being the provision of funding supplementation and expenditure authority of \$51,000 for 2018-19 and ongoing to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Parliamentary Network Support Group for the provision of IT equipment for the potential engagement of 22 trainees in the offices of Members of the Legislative Council.

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~

Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

18/7/18

Key Points:

- Members of the Legislative Council are currently charged \$194.64 ex GST per month for the provision of a personal computer by the Parliamentary Network Support Group (PNSG), for use by their trainee.



- As this equipment is in excess of their standard allocation, as determined by PNSG, Members fund this expense from their Global Allowance allocation.
- In July 2011 the funding allocated in the DTF, Support Services to Parliamentarians budget for the provision of IT equipment and services for 47 trainees to Members of the House of Assembly was transferred from DTF to DTEI, PNSG. This eliminated the requirement for monthly invoicing to recover costs.
- The DTF, Support Services to Parliamentarians budget has not been allocated funding to cover the costs of IT equipment and services for trainees to Members of the Legislative Council.
- The first option covers costs for all Members of the Legislative Council, apart from the existing four Ministers and the President.
- The second option provides PNSG with capacity to cover the costs for all Members of the Legislative Council, should the individual status of Members change in the future.
- It is considered appropriate that equitable funding be provided to PNSG to cover the costs of funding IT requirements for all trainees engaged in the offices of Members of both Houses of Parliament.
- DTF, Budget and Performance Branch has been consulted in relation to this proposal and will make the necessary budget adjustments in line with your approval.
- It is recommended that you consider the two funding options detailed in this advice.



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