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Dear Mr Picton

Freedom of Information Internal Review – Correspondence about Meningococcal B program

I refer to your internal review application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on 31 July 2018.

Your application specifically requested:

'Any emails between any Department of Treasury and Finance entity, including the Chief Executive, and the Department for Health and Wellbeing, regarding a Meningococcal B program for South Australia, from 18 March 2018.'

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

A total of 5 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

- I grant you access in full to 1 document, a copy of which is enclosed, and
- I refuse you access to 4 documents.

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

Documents released in full

Document 3

Documents refused in full

Document 1 – 2 and 4 – 5

These documents consists of information which, if released, would disclose details concerning a deliberation or decision of Cabinet and as such are exempt from release pursuant to clause 1(1)(e).

Exemptions

Clause 1 – Cabinet documents

(1) A document is an exempt document –

...

(e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet;

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: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/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



David Reynolds
PRINCIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

Schedule of Documents

T&F18/0528 - Mr Chris Picton MP - "Any emails between any Department of Treasury and Finance entity, including the Chief Executive, and the Department for Health and Wellbeing, regarding a Meningococcal B program for South Australia, from 18 March 2018."

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination	Exemption Clause
1	10/07/2018	Email - Meningococcal B Measure	1	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
2	30/07/2018	Email - FW: current savings position	2	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
3	1/08/2018	Email - RE: M - B vax	2	Released in full	
4	9/07/2018	Email - RE: Men B costing	2	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee
5	4/07/2018	Email - Men B Cabinet Note	1	Refused in full	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee

Perry, Kate (DTF)

From: Merrett, Belinda (DTF)
Sent: Wednesday, 1 August 2018 10:05 AM
To: Pekarsky, Brita (Health)
Subject: RE: M - B vax

Hi,

Just realised I had not got back to you on this.

So is that how the dollars should flow for the 1-4 year old group?

“So we would expect around 50% more vax in year 1 for the 1 to under 4 compared to the 0 to 12m
 $(60 \times 2d) / (20 \times 4d) = 3/2 = 1.5$?”

Thanks
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From: Pekarsky, Brita (Health)
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 6:40 AM
To: Merrett, Belinda (DTF) <Belinda.Merrett@sa.gov.au>
Subject: M - B vax

Hi Belinda

You noted that the difference in doses in the two groups (0-12m and 1 to under4) was not what you had expected.

I am not sure exactly which numbers you are referring to – but I do note that not all the parameters might have been clear and this might be the source of the inconsistency.

I will step you through the numbers

Assume the single age cohorts are 20,000
 Take up is 80% (not 100%) for each cohort.

The 0-12m program is three years
 The 1-under 4 program is 1 year (catch up)

The 0-12 m program is 4 dose per person currently
 Whereas the 1-under 4 is 2 doses

The 0-12 has 20K in cohort
 Whereas the 1 to under 4 has 60K

And if we look at the whole three years – we would expect around half of the number of doses for the 1 to under 4
 $(60 \times 2d \times 1y) / (20 \times 4d \times 3y) = 1/2$

(cos coverage is same in two groups do not need to consider this in the calcs of ratios.)

/BP

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I acknowledge the traditional owners of country throughout South Australia and their continuing connection and care for land, culture and community.

I pay my respects to Elders and Leaders past, present and future.

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