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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 7 May 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Job Accelerator Grant Scheme' as described on the Objective document management system, between 12 July 2018 and 7 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 2 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

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

Documents Released in Full

Document 1

Documents Refused in Full

Document 2 is a Parliamentary Briefing Note (PBN) prepared specifically for use in Parliament. Its disclosure would infringe Parliamentary privilege. I have therefore determined this document exempt in full, pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

Exemptions

Clause 17 – Documents subject to contempt etc

A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown—

(c) infringe the privilege of Parliament

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



Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Principal Officer

8 June 2019

Att.

Schedule of Documents

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Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	15/02/2019	DTF Briefing	3	Released in full		
2	8/11/2018	PBN	4	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament	

RELEASE

MINUTE

15/2/19
File No: 7039
Physical ID: TRS19D0327



MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE

File

Rev17/0086

To The Treasurer

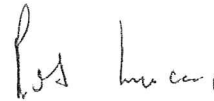
JOB ACCELERATOR GRANT SCHEME

Timing: ROUTINE — For information and noting.

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- note the current status of the job accelerator grant scheme including that the scheme is now closed to new applications.

Noted


Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

16/2/2019

Key Points:

- Businesses with total Australian wages of \$5 million or less that increase (and maintain the increase in) their number of South Australian employees were eligible to receive a grant for each additional worker employed by them in a new position between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018.
- Two grants were available depending on the size of the business:
 - A **job accelerator grant** of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 each year for two years) for each new full-time equivalent job created by businesses liable for payroll tax in South Australia with total Australian wages of \$5 million or less. The grant will be pro-rated where a business hires a part-time or casual employee; and



- A **job accelerator grant for small business and start-ups** of \$4,000 (\$2,000 each year for two years) for each new job created for businesses not liable for payroll tax, including due to their total payroll falling below the payroll tax-free threshold of \$600,000. The new employee must work more than 22 hours per week to receive the grant.
- As part of the 2017-18 State Budget, job accelerator grant payments increased by up to \$5,000 for each new apprentice and trainee employed and eligible under the job accelerator grant scheme.
- The additional amounts are being paid in 2 equal instalments of \$2,500 on the first and second year anniversary of employment. The additional grant applied to all eligible apprentice and trainee positions created between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018.
- As a result of this increased grant amount, payroll tax paying businesses that had payrolls of less than \$5 million can receive up to \$15,000 (\$10,000 base job accelerator grant plus \$5,000 additional payment) for each new apprentice or trainee they hire and firms that did not pay payroll tax can receive up to \$9,000 (\$4,000 base job accelerator grant plus \$5,000 additional payment).
- The grant is payable at the first and second anniversary date of employment.
- If the new position is only maintained for between 12 months and two years, businesses will not be required to repay the grant received on the first anniversary of the increase in employment.
- There is no limit on the number grants available under this scheme.
- Where a business hires a new additional employee the business should have, within 90 days, registered the new position with RevenueSA. The registration is completed online and should take about 5 minutes.
- Total job accelerator grant statistics up until 11 February 2019 are provided below:

	11 February 19
Number of jobs registered	27,951
Number of businesses that have completed registrations	6,703
Total number of grants paid	7,210
Total value of grants paid	\$31,788,050

Closure of the Job Accelerator Grant Scheme

- Given the job accelerator grant scheme only applied to new positions created between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018, and 90 days have expired, it is appropriate to close the scheme to new applications to manage expectation and resources.
- Appropriate amendments have been made to RevenueSA's website to advise of the closure of the scheme.

- RevenueSA continues to process applications for the first anniversary and also are receiving second anniversary claims. We expect to do so until December 2020, and possibly a little longer.
- RevenueSA also expects there may be a small number of businesses who request the opportunity to submit a late applications for registration.
- Where a business owner contacts RevenueSA and believes they have a good case for the late registration of a job that started on or before 30 June 2018 we will offer them the opportunity to put their case in writing, detailing the reasons for their delay in application and why they feel a late registration should be accepted. Such applications will be considered on their merits.

Electronically approved by

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15 February 2019

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