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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 12 October, 2018.

Your application seeks access to:

"All letters, correspondence, briefings, minutes and memos from the Treasurer to South Australian members of the House of Representatives and South Australian Senators between 1 May 2018 and 12 October 2018 inclusive."

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 11 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 8 documents, copies of which are enclosed; and

I grant you access in part to 3 documents, copies of which are enclosed. Personal information relating to constituents details have been removed, pursuant to clause 6(1) of the FOI Act.

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 (08) 8226 1866.

Yours sincerely



Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Principal Officer

11 November 2018

Att.

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
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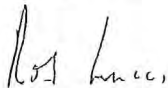
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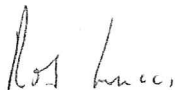
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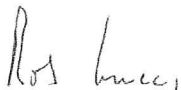
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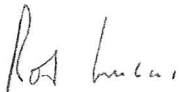
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
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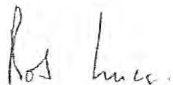
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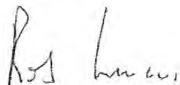
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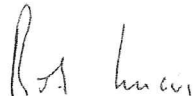
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
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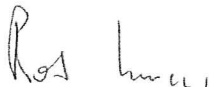
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TREASURER: In fact, all states and territories are left better off under the plan.

HOST: So you can guarantee no state will be worse off?

TREASURER: Absolutely, and we do that by making sure the pie that everybody is getting their slice from is bigger.

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HOST: Let's take a look at this promise that no jurisdiction will be worse off. So you're guaranteeing that no-one will be left with less than if they'd stayed with the current model?

TREASURER: That's right and we achieve that by basically making the pie bigger. I mean if we left the pie at the same size then obviously if there was a slightly smaller slice then people would be worse off, but when you make the pie bigger then obviously that slice is bigger, that's the nature of the change.

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TREASURER: So, we're not asking for anyone to agree this week, I think it's a good way to start the conversation but the bottom line rule is we need to change the formula so it's fairer but we also need to ensure that all states are left better off.

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TREASURER: Finally, we do it in a way that all States are better off, both now and into the future, by using a method of increasing the overall pool of money that is distributed by the States to include not just the GST but extra money put in by the Commonwealth every year going forward.

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The Turnbull Government is determined to work in cooperation with the States to reach a long-term solution — one that leaves Australia with a more stable and predictable source of revenue for all States, while preserving the best features of our HFE system in terms of equity and leaving all States better off.

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