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Dear Mr <sup>Stephen</sup>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 3 January 2020.

Your application seeks access to:

*“All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled ‘Leader of the Opposition – 2019-20 Budget Allocation’ as described on the Objective document management system, between 17 July 2019 and 3 January 2020.”*

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 22 January 2020 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: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/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 cursive script that reads "Rob Lucas".

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

11 March 2020

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To The Treasurer

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION - 2019-20 BUDGET ALLOCATION

Timing: ROUTINE — For consideration

**Recommendations/Issues:** It is recommended that you:

- sign the attached draft correspondence to Mr Peter Malinauskas MP, advising him of the 2019-20 budget allocation for the Leader of the Opposition's office.

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*Rob Lucas*

Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

10/8/19

**Key Points:**

- The Leader of the Opposition is granted an annual budget allocation from the DTF, Administered Item – Support Services to Parliamentarians.
- The base budget allocation for the 2018-19 financial year was \$1.534M, with an additional \$264K of unspent funds carried over from 2017-18.
- The Leader of the Opposition's budget allocation has historically been increased by 2.5% each financial year. This would result in an increase of \$38K, bringing the base budget allocation for 2019-20 to \$1.572M.
- It is not possible to provide a carryover amount at this point in time, as final expenditure figures for 2018-19 are not yet available.



- It is recommended that you sign the attached draft correspondence to the Leader of the Opposition, advising him of the 2019-20 budget allocation.

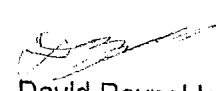


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12 July 2019

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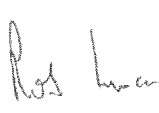
I am writing in relation to the 2019-20 budget allocation for the Leader of the Opposition's Office.

The base allocation for the 2019-20 financial year is \$1,572,000 (including a 2.5% budget increase). I am advised that 2018-19 carryover funds are not available at this point in time.

Expenditure for the 2018-19 financial year is currently being finalised. Your end of financial year expenditure report will be provided as soon as possible. Please note that I intend to deduct payments for political advertising authorised by Reggie Martin, SA Labor Party from any carryover adjustments for 2018/19. I am advised these payments total \$4,555 (ex GST).

Should you have any questions regarding this advice, please contact Mr Paul Tatarelli, Manager Electorate Services on 8226 2995.

Yours sincerely

  
**Hon Rob Lucas MLC**  
Treasurer

10 August 2019