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Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC Parliament House North Terrace ADELAIDE SA 5000

Sent via email: centofanti.office@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Centofanti

Freedom of Information – 2022/23 River Murray Flood Grants

I refer to your applications under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on 13 September 2023.

Your applications specifically requested:

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Re-establishment Grant between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Essential Services Reconnection Grant between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Individual and Family assistance between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Travel cost relief between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Small Business industry support grants between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Levee construction and remediation grants between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

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'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Levee embankments engineering support between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Irrigation infrastructure and electricity supply between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood NGO Recovery Grants between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

'A copy of all documents and data indicating the (a) Number of applicants; (b) Number of successful and unsuccessful applicants; & (c) Monetary figures relating to the 2022/23 River Murray Flood Tax Relief between 06/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.'

On 13 September 2023, you amended the scope of your application to:

Provide a combined response for all applications in a table format, listing the number of applicants, the number of successful and unsuccessful applicants, and monetary figure associated with the following topic matters:

- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Irrigation infrastructure and electricity supply between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Tax Relief between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood NGO Recovery Grants between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Levee embankments engineering support between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Levee construction and remediation grants between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Small Business industry recovery grants between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Small Business industry support grants between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Travel cost relief between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Individual and Family assistance between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Essential Services Reconnection Grant between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.
- 2022/23 River Murray Flood Re-establishment Grant between 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023.' [Date Period: 09/06/2023 and 13/09/2023]

Under the FOI Act, an agency has 30 days to respond to a freedom of information request. As DTF did not respond to your request within the time frame required, the department is deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory time frame had been met.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination.

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Pursuant to Part 1, Section 4(4) and (5)(b) of the FOI Act, as DTF was able to produce the requested document due to the nature of the information readily held by the data management system, the document created is to be considered as a document held by the agency.

A total of 1 document was identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

• I grant you access in full to 1 document, 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), DTF is 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: <u>https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars</u>. Please visit the website for further information.

Appeal rights

If you are aggrieved with this determination, you have a right to apply for internal review under subsection 29(1) of the FOI Act. Pursuant to subsection 29(2), your application must:

- be in writing
- be accompanied by the application fee of \$40.75 (unless fee waiver applicable) payment options available on request
- be addressed to the Principal Officer
- be mailed to GPO Box 1045, Adelaide SA 5001, or emailed to <u>freedomofinformation2@sa.gov.au</u>, within 30 days after the day on which you receive this letter or within such further time as the Principal Officer may allow.

If you require any further information, please contact Kate Tonkin on (08) 7133 8080 or by email at <u>freedomofInformation2@sa.gov.au</u>.

Your Sincerely

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RIVER MURRAY FLOOD EVENT RELIEF MEASURES

An application has made by the **Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC** under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* ('the FOI Act') for:

'A table summary in relation to the River Murray flood relief efforts from 09/06/2023 to 13/09/2023, addressing:

(a) The number of applicants;

(b) Successful and unsuccessful applicants; and

(c) Monetary figures

relating to:

- o River Murray Flood Irrigation infrastructure and electricity supply
- River Murray Flood Tax Relief
- o River Murray Flood NGO Recovery Grants
- o River Murray Flood Levee embankments engineering support
- o River Murray Flood Levee construction and remediation grants
- o River Murray Flood Small Business industry recovery grants
- River Murray Flood Small Business industry support grants
- o River Murray Flood Travel cost relief
- River Murray Flood Individual and Family assistance
- o River Murray Flood Essential Services Reconnection Grant
- o River Murray Flood Re-establishment Grant'.

The following information is provided in relation to the requested information on grant applications and payments from 9 June to 13 September 2023:

Measure	No. New Applicants	No. Successful ⁽¹⁾	No. Unsuccessful ⁽¹⁾	No. Pending	Expenditure
Primary Producer Irrigation Infrastructure Grant	19	17	2	_	\$325,125
Flood Tax Relief	9	8	1	_	\$124,938
Community Recovery Fund – NGO Grants	4	2	1	1	\$16,500
Business Levee Embankments Engineering Support Grant	_	_	_	_	_
Business Levee Embankments Remediation and Construction Grant	1	11		_	\$194,904
Small Business Recovery Grant	17	21	2	26	\$666,892

Measure	No. New Applicants	No. Successful ⁽¹⁾	No. Unsuccessful ⁽¹⁾	No. Pending	Expenditure
Small Business Industry Support Grant	38	24	11	16	\$240,000
Travel Assistance Grant	99	96	3	_	\$28,800
Personal Hardship Emergency Grant	116	101	15	_	\$54,380
Essential Services Reconnection Grant	116	107	14	_	\$220,302
Re-establishment Grant	36	35	1	_	\$603,914

(1) The number of successful and unsuccessful applications may include applications that were received by the agency prior to 9 June 2023 and therefore may not align to the number of new applications received during this period.