



**Government  
of South Australia**

TRS19D1300

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP  
Member for Lee  
Unit 1, 62 Semaphore Road  
SEMAPHORE SA 5019

**Treasurer**  
Level 8  
State Administration Centre  
200 Victoria Square  
Adelaide SA 5000  
GPO Box 2264  
Adelaide SA 5001  
DX 56203 Victoria Square  
Tel 08 8226 1866  
treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au

[lee@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:lee@parliament.sa.gov.au)

  
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 13 May 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

*“All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled ‘Economic and Business Growth Fund – Administrative Arrangements’ as described on the Objective document management system, between 12 July 2018 and 13 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 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*.

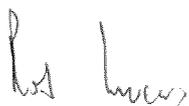
In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit 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.

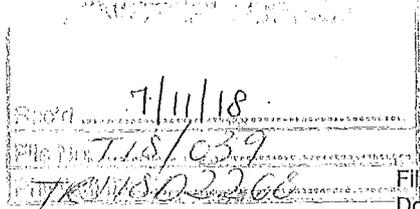
If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on 8226 9769.

Yours sincerely



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

7 January 2020



MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to

File T&F17/0789  
Doc No A957496

To The Treasurer

**ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH FUND — ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

Timing: ROUTINE

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

- Provide the following approvals to establish administrative arrangements in the Administered Items for the Department of Treasury and Finance for payments from the Economic and Business Growth Fund:
  - Approve the creation of a new line entitled "Grants, subsidies and transfers — Economic and Business Growth Fund" in the Treasury and Finance Administered Items Account.
  - Approve the transfer of expenditure authority in the Treasury and Finance Administered Items Account of \$20 million in 2018-19, \$25 million in 2019-20 and 2020-21, and \$30 million in 2021-22 from the line titled "Grants, subsidies and transfers Contingency provisions — supplies and services" to the line titled "Grants, subsidies and transfers — Economic and Business Growth Fund".
  - Approve, in accordance with Treasurer's Instruction 8 *Financial Authorisations*, a financial authorisation for the line entitled "Grants, subsidies and transfers — Economic and Business Growth Fund" in the Treasury and Finance Administered Items Account to approve payments, as follows:
    - o Under Treasurer / Chief Executive (\$1.1 million)
    - o Deputy Chief Executive (\$1.1 million)
    - o Executive Director, Budget and Performance (\$500,000)
    - o General Manager, SAFA (\$500,000)
- Authorise SAFA to make payments to recipients under contract from the Economic and Business Growth Fund from SAFA's DTF Loans Admin Account when payment conditions have been satisfied and in accordance with SAFA's financial delegations.
- Note that your approval will have no Budget impact.

Approved / Not-Approved

Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

18/11/18

**Key Points:**

- The 2018-19 State Budget included \$100 million for the Economic and Business Growth Fund (the Fund). This was held within the central contingency provisions as shown in the following table.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Economic and Business Growth Fund	\$20m	\$25m	\$25m	\$30m	—

- To ensure that there is ongoing transparency and accountability in the budget papers on the budget and payments being made from the Fund, it is recommended that the Fund budget be transferred from contingencies and held within the Administered Items of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Payments from the Economic and Business Growth Fund

- Before any payments are made from the Fund, all funding proposals are required to be considered by a Governance Group, the Economic and Infrastructure Cabinet Committee and then approved by Treasurer or Cabinet. The Treasurer will then enter into a contract on terms agreed between the State and the proponent.
- SAFA will assess that the conditions and milestones set out in the terms of contracts (approved by the Treasurer) have been achieved. Only once the conditions and milestones have been met will any payments be made from the Fund.
- To assist with the timely payment of funds from the Fund once the conditions have been met, rather than DTF subsequently writing to you to approve those payments, it is proposed that you delegate the authority to approve payments under contract to senior officers in DTF consistent with existing delegations for the Industry Financial Assistance Account within DTF administered items, i.e. to expressly delegate authority to approve payments under contracts arising from Fund up to the following limits:
  - Up to \$500,000 to General Manager, SAFA;
  - Up to \$500,000 to Executive Director, Budget and Performance;
  - Up to \$1.1m to Deputy Chief Executive; and
  - Up to \$1.1m to Under Treasurer / Chief Executive.
- Payments over \$1.1 million will require your approval.
- If any issues occur under the terms of Economic and Business Growth Fund contracts that need to be resolved prior to payments being made, then they will be escalated to you for approval.
- It is also recommended that you authorise SAFA to make payments to recipients under contract from the Fund from SAFA's DTF Loans Admin Account when payment conditions have been satisfied and in accordance with SAFA's financial delegations.

- The Economic and Business Growth Fund was provisioned in the budget and these approvals will therefore have no budget impact.



Tammie Pribanic  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE

7 November 2018

Contact Officer:	Martin Sharp
Telephone:	8426 0674
Email address:	martin.sharp@sa.gov.au