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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 November 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Budget and Performance – Adjustment to Ministerial Office staff and Budget Allocations for 2019-20' as described on the Objective document management system, between 23 February 2019 and 12 November 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 19 November 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*.

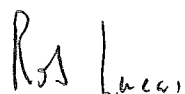
In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Principal Officer

11 February 2020

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To The Treasurer

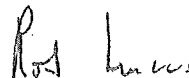
ADJUSTMENT TO MINISTERIAL OFFICE STAFF AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2019-20

Timing: URGENT — A decision is required by 24/05/2019

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- Approve the adjustments to ministerial office staffing and budget allocations as summarised in Table 1.
- Approve the adjustments to the 2019-20 expenditure authority for the responsible agencies, as shown in Table 2.
- Note that correspondence advising each Minister of their office budget allocation for 2019-20 will be provided for your consideration following your approval.

Approved/~~Not Approved~~



Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

26/5/19

Key Points:

- In December 2018, you approved the reallocation of staffing resources and associated funding between a number of ministerial offices to address administrative burdens resulting from the significant volume of correspondence in the offices of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government. The approved reallocations applied for the 2018-19 financial year only.
- The Office of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing was reallocated 2.0 FTEs (Public Sector Act positions) in 2018-19. The office has confirmed its ongoing requirement for the 2.0 FTEs in 2019-20.
- The Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government was also reallocated 2.0 FTE (Public Sector Act positions) in 2018-19. The office has advised that it has an ongoing requirement for 1.0 FTE in 2019-20.

- The ongoing requirement for additional resources in these offices has been discussed by Chiefs of Staff and the reallocations shown in Table 1 have been agreed to apply for the 2019-20 financial year.

Table 1: Adjustments to ministerial office budgets for 2019-20

| Ministerial Office | Staff adjustment (FTEs) | Budget adjustment (\$) |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Premier | — | -27,000 |
| Minister for Education | -1.0 | -115,000 |
| Minister for Primary Industries and Resources | -1.0 | -68,000 |
| Minister for Health and Wellbeing | 2.0 | 196,000 |
| Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure | 1.0 | 116,000 |
| Contingency for support of ministerial offices ⁽¹⁾ | -1.0 | -102,000 |
| Total | — | — |

(1) Contingency created from funding removed from Minister for Energy and Mining's office.


- Savings of \$102,000 previously removed from the Minister for Energy and Mining's office budget, and placed in contingencies (approved on 8 December 2018), are being reallocated from contingencies and the Premier's Office has committed to making up the difference of \$27,000 to ensure there is no overall budget impact.
- The adjustments to the expenditure authority of those agencies responsible for the ministerial office budgets is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Adjustments to agency expenditure authority for 2019-20

| | Expenditure Authority (\$'000) |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Department of the Premier and Cabinet | -27 |
| Department for Education | -115 |
| Department for Primary Industries and Regions SA | -68 |
| Department for Health and Wellbeing | 196 |
| Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure | 116 |
| Treasury and Finance - Administered Items | -102 |
| Total | — |

Note: Positives indicate an increase in expenditure authority and negatives indicate a reduction.

- These reallocations do not affect the overall ministerial office FTEs or the total budget limit set in 2018-19, and continue to achieve the Government's ministerial office staff reductions as set out in the 2018-19 Budget.


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22 May 2019

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