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John,
Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2020 on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] about the Government's small business grant.

I am advised by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) that [REDACTED] did not submit an application for a small business grant. I am satisfied that DTF responded in a timely manner to [REDACTED] request for support, and that there is no technical basis to accept a late application.

As you are aware, applications for the \$10,000 emergency cash grants for small business closed at midnight on 1 June 2020, and the Government has not approved any extension to this date.

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Thank you for writing to the Government on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Treasurer

COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program – [REDACTED]

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program.

[REDACTED]

On 24 April 2020, [REDACTED] began her online application for a small business grant under the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program. She had difficulty completing the application and sent an email to the Small Business COVID-19 Grant Team, who responded to her request for assistance on 27 April 2020. I enclose a copy of the email correspondence for your information.

[REDACTED] advises that she then had to start her online application from the beginning once more. She is adamant that she completed the application, yet Mr Simon Crotti of the Department of Treasury and Finance has advised me that there is no application in the system for [REDACTED]

The email correspondence between [REDACTED] and the Small Business COVID-19 Grant Team provides evidence that [REDACTED] and sought assistance to complete the application.

I would be grateful if you would show some leniency in this matter given [REDACTED] situation and the financial hardship she has suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide [REDACTED] with the grant money if she is able to meet the eligibility criteria.

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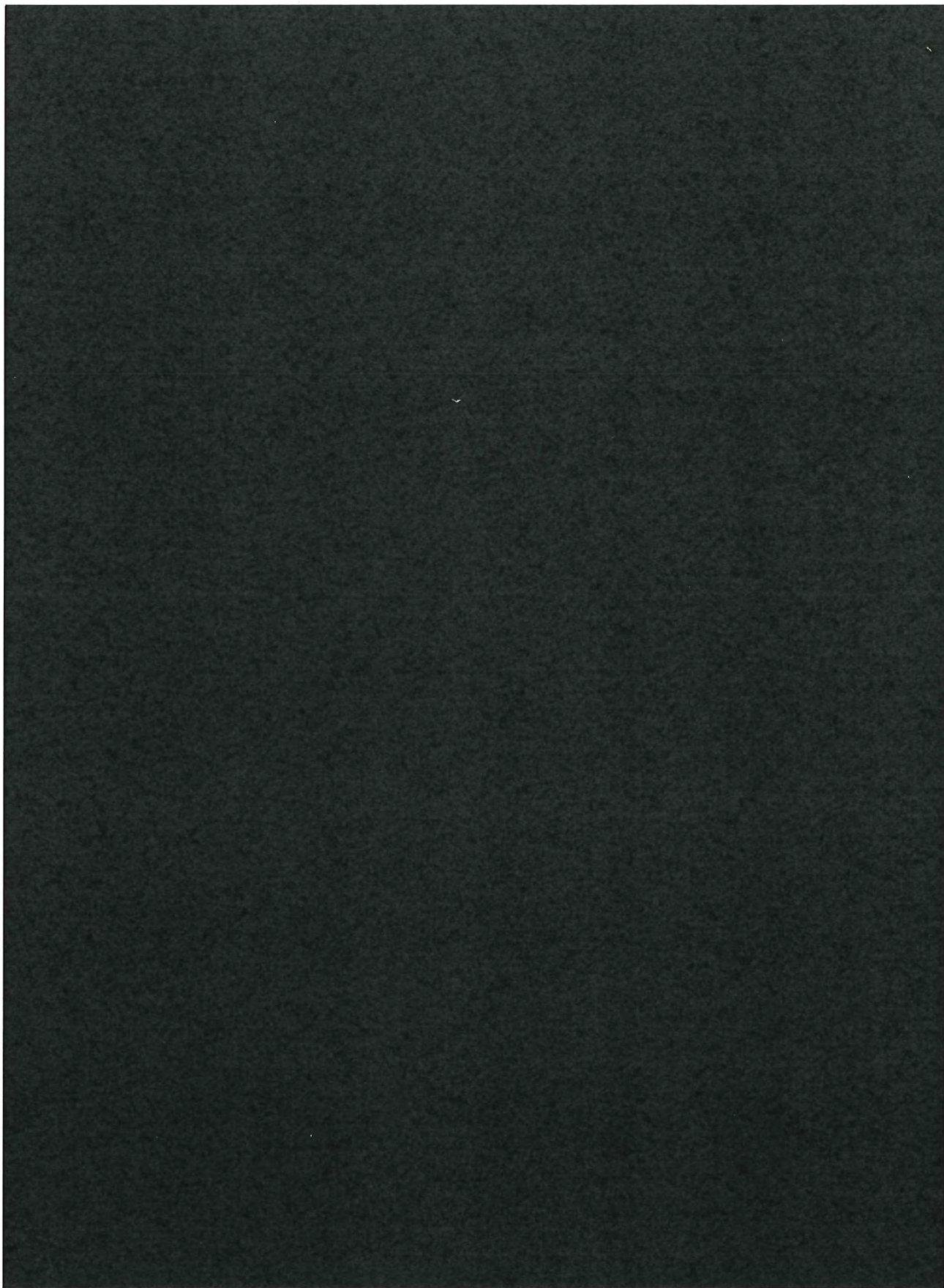
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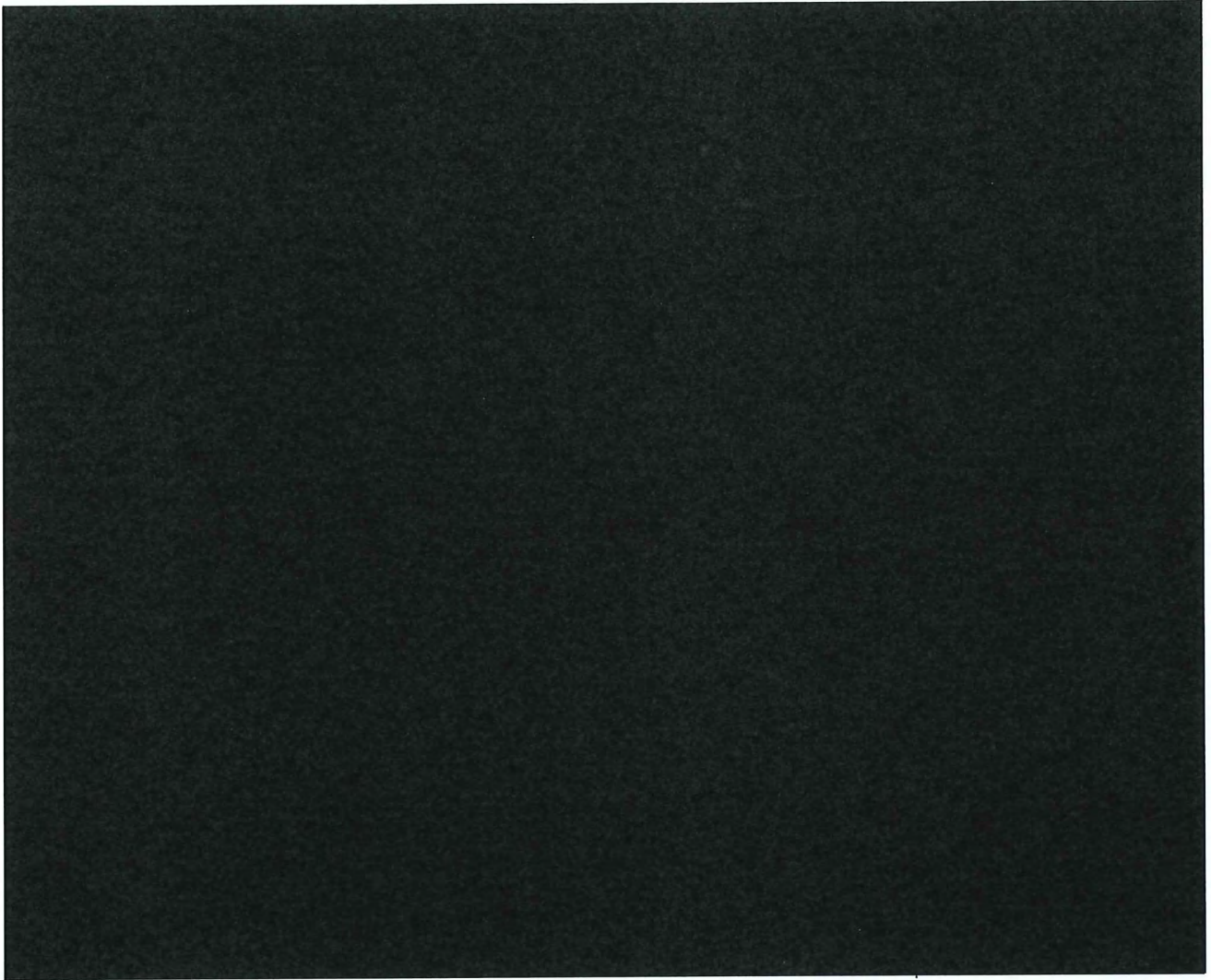


John Chapman
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Encl: Email correspondence between [REDACTED] and Small Business COVID-19 Grant Team





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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who recommended that the matter be brought to the attention of the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP. The Premier's office then suggested that [REDACTED] contact Mr Simon Crotti, Manager of the Small Business Grant Team. [REDACTED] sent an email to Mr Crotti on 10 June 2020 asking the Government to review his application given the circumstances. Mr Crotti responded on the same day, and advised [REDACTED] that the Government has not approved any extension to the closing date. I enclose a copy of the email correspondence for your information.

[REDACTED]

Given the circumstances, and the fact that it was through no fault on the part of [REDACTED] that his application is late, I would be grateful if you would reconsider the Government's position in this particular case.

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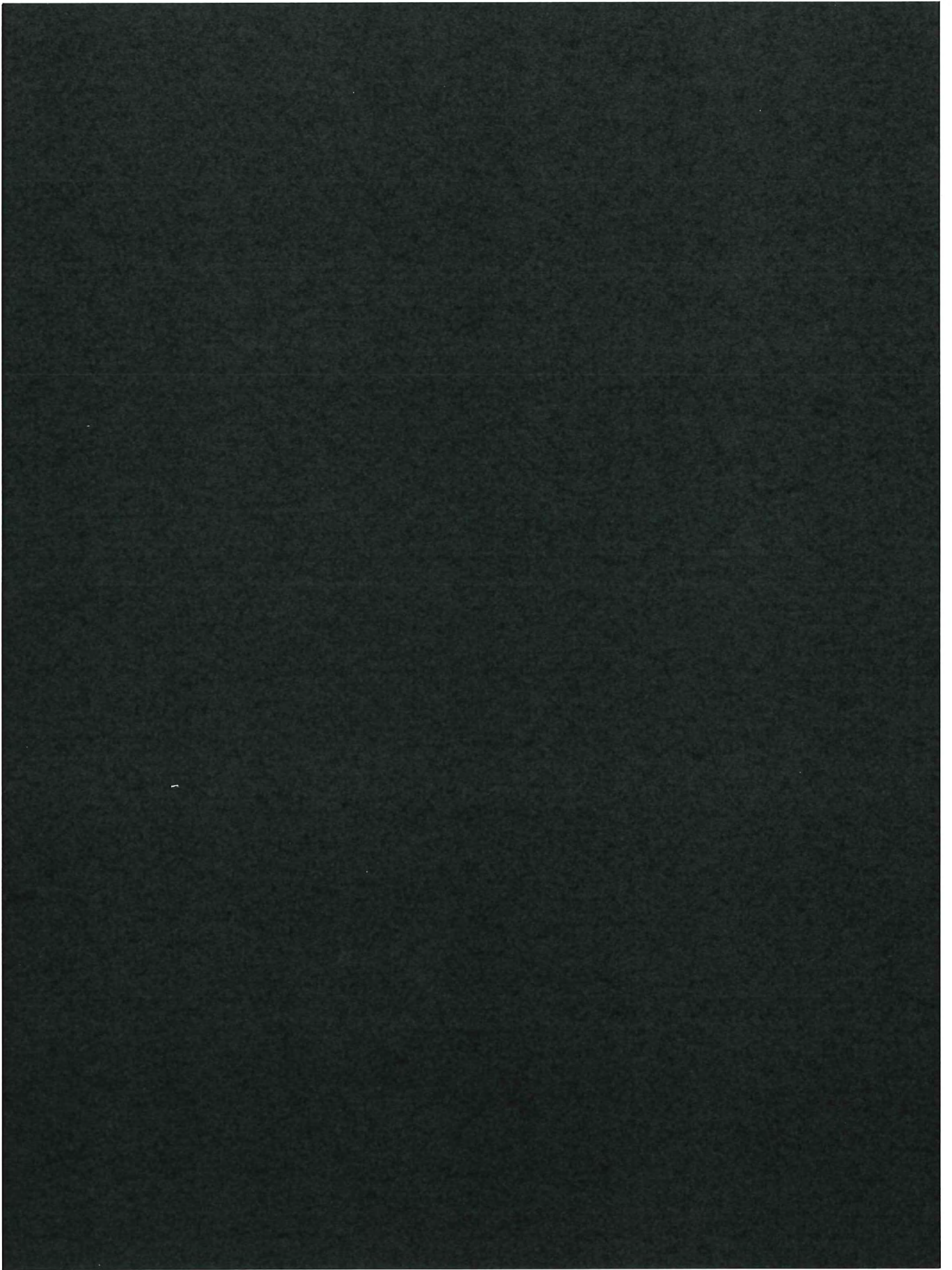


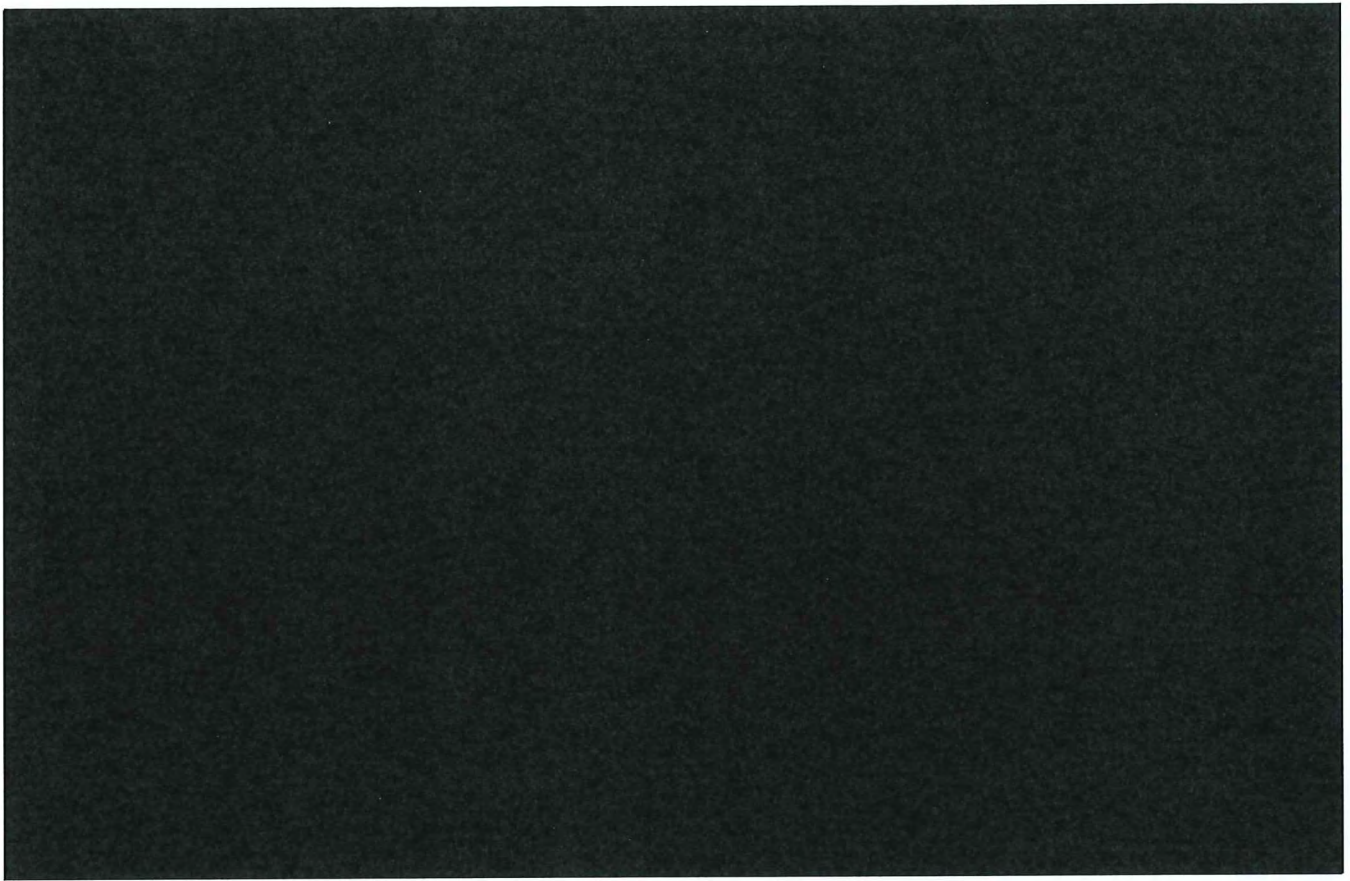
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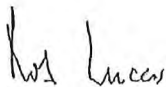
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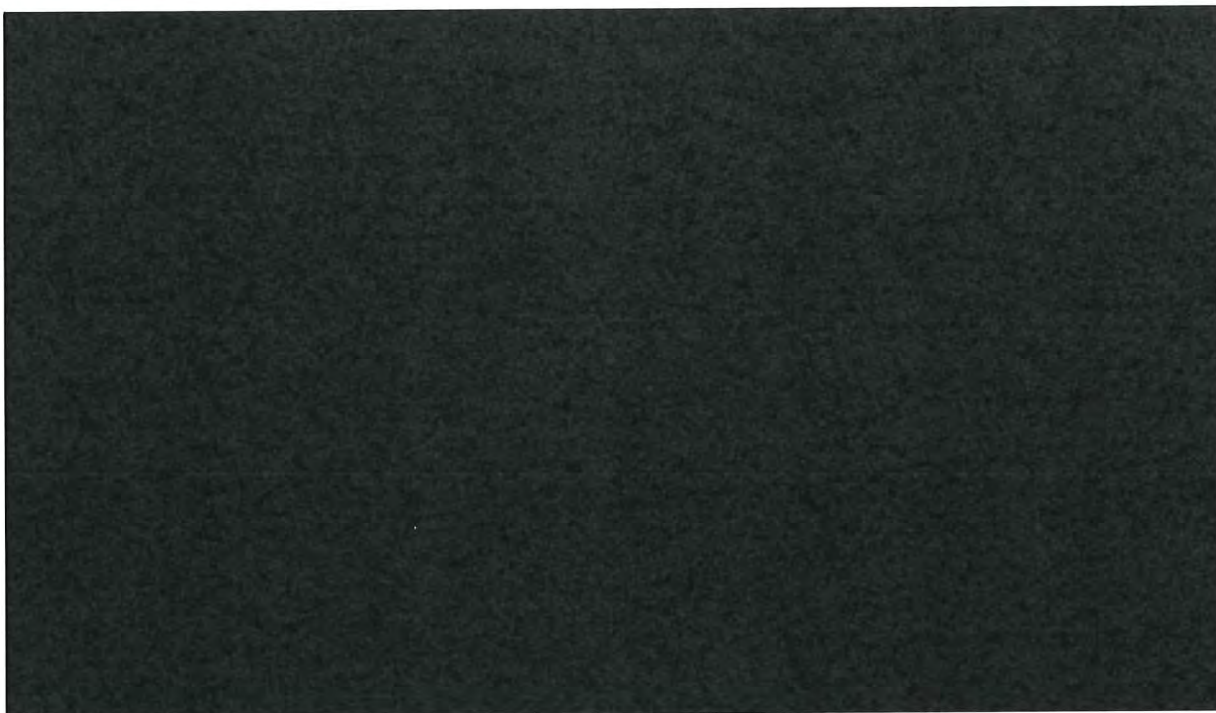
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██████████ contacted the Small Business COVID-19 Grant Team on 12 June 2020, and was advised by email on 15 June 2020 that the Government has not approved any extension to the closing date.

Given the extenuating circumstances and the enormous pressure which ██████████ is under at the moment, I would be grateful if you would reconsider the Government's position in this particular case.

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Yours sincerely

John Chapman
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16th June 2020



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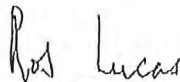
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Hon Rob Lucas MLC
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 5 June 2020 to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, about the Government's small business grant. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Treasurer, your correspondence has been forwarded to me for a response.

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12 June 2020



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Dear Treasurer

COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program –

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program.

I have been contacted by [REDACTED] who had lodged an expression of interest in the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program and started the application, but inadvertently failed to complete the application in time.

[REDACTED] is of the view that he would have met the eligibility criteria for the grant had he not missed the closing date for applications.

I would be grateful if you would show some leniency in this matter in the event that [REDACTED] is able to meet the eligibility criteria.

I can be contacted on 0418 829 964 or john.chapman@sa.gov.au to discuss my request in further detail.

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John Chapman
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John
Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2020, on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] about the Government's small business grant.

A key criterion of the Small Business Grant Program is that a business must have employed staff as at 1 March 2020. Employees are generally considered to be staff under the control of the business, and have Pay As You Go Withholding amounts and superannuation paid by the employer.

In relation to taxpayer funded assistance the Government has made it clear that it wants to save as many jobs as possible. Therefore the small business cash grant has been targeted to those businesses that employ South Australians because taxpayers cannot afford to assist every small business in the state.

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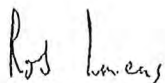
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Dear Treasurer

COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program – [REDACTED]

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program.

I have been contacted by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in relation to his business' ineligibility for the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program.

[REDACTED]

It is my view that this is an [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] receives the JobKeeper payment but is not eligible for any other Government support. He has been advised that he is not eligible for the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program because the business does not have any employed staff.

A member of your staff recommended that [REDACTED] contact our office for assistance.

As discussed with you in previous correspondence, the current requirement that a business must have employed staff as at 1 March 2020 in order to be eligible for the emergency cash grant is leaving many distressed small businesses in an unviable position. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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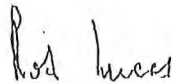
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[REDACTED]

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program.



[REDACTED] wrote to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, asking the Government to accept the applications despite missing the closing date due to the extenuating circumstances. You responded on the Premier's behalf on 7 June 2020 as the matter falls within your portfolio as Treasurer, advising [REDACTED] that the Government has not approved any extension to this date. I enclose a copy of that letter for the sake of completeness.

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John,
Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May 2020 on behalf of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A copy
of my response is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Lucas".

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

12 June 2020

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Dear 

Thank you for your email dated 21 May 2020 about the small business grant.

A key criterion of the Small Business Grant Program is that a business must have employed staff as at 1 March 2020. Employees are generally considered to be staff under the control of the business, and have Pay As You Go Withholding amounts and superannuation paid by the employer.

In relation to taxpayer funded assistance the government has made it clear that it wants to save as many jobs as possible. Therefore the small business cash grant has been targeted to those businesses that employ South Australians because taxpayers cannot afford to assist every small business in the state. I acknowledge that this treatment differs from the JobKeeper criteria.

This requirement is similar to other jurisdictions which have implemented similar grant schemes. I acknowledge that this treatment differs from the JobKeeper criteria.

If you lease the motor inn the State Government has also made Regulations under the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* (the Act) to protect tenants from eviction and to provide for resolution of payment of rent under commercial leases.

The Regulations cover the six month period from March 30 to September 30 this year and implement key elements of the Code of Conduct. They will ensure no affected commercial tenant can be evicted for non-payment of rent or outgoings, or for reducing their hours of business during this period.

Affected tenants are generally those with an annual turnover of up to \$50 million and are eligible for, or receiving, the JobKeeper wage subsidy.