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Stephen
Dear Mr Mullighan

APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 6 August 2020.

Your application seeks access to:

“All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled ‘Payments from Contingency – Electronic Medical Record and Patient Administration System Project’ as described on the Objective document management system, between 9 April and 5 August 2020.”

The prescribed legislative timeframe to determine this application has expired and is deemed as refused access to documents relevant to your application. I refer to my letter dated 18 August 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 part to 1 document; a copy of which is enclosed.

Document 1 is released in part as it contains information which, if released, would disclose details concerning a deliberation or decision of Cabinet. I therefore determine this exempt this information pursuant to clause 1(1)(e).

Exemptions

Clause 1 – Cabinet Documents

(1) A document is an exempt document—

if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet.

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 Act.

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

21 November 2020

Att.

Schedule of Documents

TRS20D2628 - Payment from Contingency - Electronic Medical Record and Patient Administration System Project

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	7/05/2020	Briefing to Treasurer from Executive Director, Budget and Performance, DTF	2	Released in part	1(1)(e) - Contains information concerning deliberation or decision of Cabinet or Cabinet committee	

RELEASE IN PART

MINUTE

8/05/2020
TDO/014
T&F 2019/309



MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE

File T&F19/0383

Doc No A1397700

To The Treasurer

PAYMENT FROM CONTINGENCY - ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD AND PATIENT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM PROJECT

Timing: URGENT

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- Note that in April 2019 you approved [REDACTED]
- Note that deployment of EMR / PAS at the exemplar sites has been successfully completed;
- Note that the project has moved onto the next phase (planning for implementation at the Flinders Medical Centre) but to continue, the project requires additional resourcing for the months of May and June 2020;
- Approve the following payments from the Treasury and Finance Administered Items Account to the Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW) to ensure the project has sufficient budget for the remainder of 2019-20:
 - \$1.452 million in 2019-20 from the line titled "Grants, subsidies and transfers: Contingency provisions – employee entitlements"; and
 - \$5.118 million in 2019-20 from the line titled "Grants, subsidies and transfers: Contingency provisions – supplies and services".
- Note that there is a measure in the draft 2020-21 Budget set that provides funding from 2020-21 to complete the roll-out of the system across remaining metropolitan hospitals.
- Note that there are no budget impacts associated with this approval.

Approved/Not-Approved

Rob Lucas

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

8/5/20



Key Points:

- Following on from the Independent Expert Panel's final report into the EPAS project, in April 2019 (following Cabinet's approval) you [REDACTED]
- Roll-out of EMR/PAS has now been successfully completed at RAH and Mount Gambier. The next scheduled site is envisaged to be the Flinders Medical Centre. SA Health has advised that to proceed with initial planning activity, additional project budget is required for May and June 2020 (the funding provided to complete of the roll-out at RAH and Mt Gambier has now been exhausted).
- A budget bid seeking funding for continuation and full completion of the roll-out to remaining metropolitan hospitals has been submitted by SA Health as part of the 2020-21 Budget process. Recommended funding of \$196.8 million from 2020-21 to 2022-23 has been included in the draft budget set.
- Your approval is now sought to transfer \$6.57 million from DTF contingency to SA Health in 2019-20, which will support the continuation of the project for two months until 30 June 2020.
- DTF currently holds \$11.3 million of operating and \$3 million investing contingency for the EMR/PAS project in 2019-20. Therefore, the requested funding is within the existing contingency budget in 2019-20.
- Subject to your approval, DTF will inform SA Health and organise the appropriate budget transfers.



Tammie Pribanic
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE

7/15/2020

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