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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 7 May 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

*"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Ministerial Staffing Arrangements - Minister for Environment and Water' as described on the Objective document management system, between 12 July 2018 and 7 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: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/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.

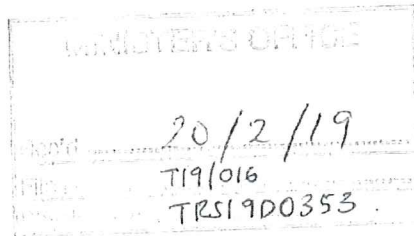
Yours sincerely



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

8 June 2019

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To The Treasurer

**MINISTERIAL STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS — MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

Timing: ROUTINE

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

- Note that the proposal by the Minister for Environment and Water can be accommodated within the approved budget and FTE allocation for contract staff in the Minister's office.
- Approve the Minister's proposed structure for contract staff on the basis that it can be accommodated within the approved budget.
- Note that the budget for the Minister's office will remain unchanged.
- Sign the attached response to the Minister for Environment and Water.

Approved/Not Approved

Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

21/2/19

**Key Points:**

- Your office has sought Treasury and Finance advice on whether the contract staff structure proposed by the Minister for Environment and Water's office can be accommodated within the Minister's existing budget allocation for contract staff.
- The Minister for Environment and Water was allocated 4.0 contract FTEs, comprising a Chief of Staff and three Ministerial Advisers. The budget for these staff in 2018-19 was \$587,000 (including on-costs).
- The proposed staffing structure for the Minister's office is 3.6 contract FTEs, comprising a Chief of Staff, one Senior Ministerial Adviser, one full-time Ministerial Adviser and one 0.6 FTE Ministerial Adviser. The full year cost of this arrangement is \$561,000, which is \$26,000 below the allocated budget.

- Ministerial Office budgets were established on a standardised basis. While the Minister has chosen to alter the mix of actual funded positions, it is recommended that there be no change to the Ministerial office budget, which would continue to be published on the standardised basis.



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19 February 2019

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