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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "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* (FOI Act), dated 7 May 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

"All minutes, briefings and correspondence titled 'Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service - Deposit Account Closure' 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 part to 1 document, a copy of which is enclosed.

Documents Released in Part

Document 1 contains a deliberation of Cabinet. I therefore determine this exempt pursuant to clause 1(1)(e) to the FOI Act.

Exemptions

Clause 1 – Cabinet Documents

(1) A document is an exempt document—

- (e) 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 *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

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET ADVISORY SERVICE - DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CLOSURE

Timing: ROUTINE — For information only

Recommendations/Issues: It is recommended that you:

- Approve the closure of the non-interest bearing deposit account, pursuant to section 8 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, titled 'Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service'.
- Approve the closure of the account taking effect upon your approval of this minute.

Approved/Not Approved

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

22/2/19

Key Points:

- [REDACTED] Cabinet approved the establishment of the Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service (PBAS) to enable political parties and independents to access costing services in the lead up to the 2018 State Election.
- In order to support the operation of PBAS, the former Treasurer approved the establishment of a non-interest bearing deposit account, pursuant to section 8 of the *Public Finance Audit Act 1987*, entitled "Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service".
- The account was used "To record all of the financial transactions associated with the Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service".
- The PBAS ceased operations on 30 June 2018 and the residual cash funding in the PBAS special deposit account was transferred to the DTF Consolidated Accountant.



- The transfer of the PBAS residual cash, to the DTF Consolidated Account, occurred on 30 June 2018.
- It is proposed that you approve the closure of the Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service deposit account, taking effect upon the approval of this minute.



David Reynolds
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

21 February 2019

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