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2 November 2023

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Dear Mr Gardner

Freedom of Information – University Proposed Merger Documents

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on 03 October 2023.

Your application specifically requested:

'Briefings, minutes, correspondence or other documents provided by the Department to the Treasurer or his office, or the Premier or his office, or the Deputy Premier or her office, related to the proposed merger between the University of Adelaide or the University of South Australia.' [Date Range: 02/07/2023 – 29/09/2023]

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination.

A total of 10 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined as follows:

- I grant you access in full to 1 document, a copy of which is enclosed,
- I grant you access in part to 3 documents, copies of which are enclosed, and
- I refuse you access to 6 documents.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

Documents released in full

Documents 1.

Documents released in part

Documents 7 and 9.

- Contains public sector staff mobile phone numbers.

This information falls within the definition of personal affairs under the FOI Act and is therefore exempt from release pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1.

Document released in part

Document 3.

and

Documents refused in full

Documents 2, 4-6, 8 and 10.

- Contains information directly connected to the business of a Parliamentary Committee.

This information falls within the definition of the business of Parliament under the FOI Act and disclosure of this information would be considered an infringement of the privilege of Parliament. The information is therefore exempt from release pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1.

Exemptions

6—Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*

17—Documents subject to contempt etc

A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown—

...

(c) infringe the privilege of Parliament.

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DTF is 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://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

Appeal rights

If you are aggrieved with this determination, you have a right to apply for internal review under subsection 29(1) of the FOI Act. Pursuant to subsection 29(2), your application must:

- be in writing
- be accompanied by the application fee of \$40.75 (unless fee waiver applicable) – payment options available on request
- be addressed to the Principal Officer
- be mailed to GPO Box 1045, Adelaide SA 5001, or emailed to freedomofinformation2@sa.gov.au, within 30 days after the day on which you receive this letter or within such further time as the Principal Officer may allow.

If you require any further information, please contact Kate Tonkin on (08) 7133 8080 or by email at freedomofInformation2@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Tonia Roache
ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

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Schedule of Documents

T&F23/1346 - The Hon John Gardner MP - "*Briefings, minutes, correspondence or other documents provided by the Department to the Treasurer or his office, or the Deputy Premier or her office, related to the proposed merger between the Universtiy of Adelaide or the University of South Australia - [Date Range: 2/07/2023 - 29/09/2023]*"

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination	Exemption Clause
001	17/07/2023	Email	1	Released in full	
002		Attachment to Document 001	3	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
003	11/08/2023	Email	2	Released in part	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
004		Attachment to Document 003 - Terms of Reference	1	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
005		Attachment to Document 3 - Parliament Guidelines - <i>Assessed as out of scope' but included as attachment</i>	4	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
006		Attachment to Document 003 - Letter	1	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
007	21/08/2023	Email	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
008		Attachment to Document 007 - Parliamentary Briefing Note	3	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament
009	25/09/2023	Email	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs
010		Attachment to Document 009 - Parliamentary Briefing Note	3	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament

From: [Pribanic, Tammie \(DTF\)](#)
To: [Atkinson, John \(DTF\)](#); [Burness, Sandy \(DTF\)](#); [Chau, Phuong \(DTF\)](#); [Carlier, Justyna \(DTF\)](#); [Williams, Rachel \(DTF\)](#)
Subject: FW: Adelaide University Bill 2023 - Fund provisions
Date: Monday, 17 July 2023 10:20:00 AM
Attachments: [Adelaide University Bill 2023 - Part 5 Funds.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Hi All, please find attached the current draft of the Adelaide University Bill Funds provisions. John, as discussed Thursday, appreciate if you could provide a copy to the Treasurer. The draft provisions have been provided to the University Vice-Chancellors and feedback on the provisions is expected in the next day or so. Sandy, re the draft guideline principles, when do you think we could have a first draft available? Also, I was thinking it might be useful to share this draft with FundsSA for review and comment. Rachel, would you mind sending to Jo Townsend for FundsSA review?

Thanks
Tammie

From: [Persse, Rick \(DTF\)](#)
To: [Pribanic, Tammie \(DTF\)](#); [Atkinson, John \(DTF\)](#)
Subject: FW: Joint Committee Hearing Confirmation
Date: Friday, 11 August 2023 2:59:54 PM
Attachments: [Clause 17\(c\)](#)

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Clause 17(c)

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Subject: FW: UNDER TREASURER PBNS - DUE 22/8/23
Date: Monday, 21 August 2023 11:52:57 AM
Attachments: [28 - University Merger PBN Financial Package_04072023.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

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Hi Alanah

Please find attached revised PBN as requested.

Kind regards

Ana

Ana Beveridge

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Revised PBN attached. Can you please forward to the Treasurer's Office.

Thanks

From: Vernocchi, Alanah (DTF) <Alanah.Vernocchi@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 10:07 AM
To: DTF:Office of the Under Treasurer <DTFOfficeoftheUnderTreasurer@sa.gov.au>
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Hi Team,

The next Parliamentary sitting day is 9 August 2023.

Please review the attached PBN and provide an update or advise no update required by **22 August 2023**

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Alanah Vernocchi

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Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 12:33:10 PM
Attachments: [31 - University Merger PBN Financial Package_04072023.docx](#)
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Hi Alanah

Please see attached updated PBN, apologies for the delay.

Thanks
 Jodie

Kind regards,

Jodie Jackson

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Hi Team,

Any updates on this one?

Thanks!

Alanah Vernocchi

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Subject: PBN - UT - DUE 20/9/23

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Hi Team,
The next Parliamentary sitting day is 26 September 2023.
Please review the attached PBNs and provide an update or advise no update required by **Wednesday 20 September 2023**.

Thanks!

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