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Sent by email: tristan.rust@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Cook

Freedom of information application

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Office of the Minister for Human Services on 22 May 2018 seeking access to:

Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, and any other correspondence) regarding the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

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

I have determined that three documents fall within the scope of your application are listed in the attached document schedule and that access will be granted in full to the document listed in the schedule.

I have determined to refuse access to the documents that fall within the scope of your application. The reasons I have refused access are explained in more detail below.

Section 20 of the FOI Act provides that an agency may refuse access to a document if:

s20(1)(a) the document is exempt.

Schedule 1 – Exempt Documents, Part 1(a) A document is an exempt document if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted)

If you are dissatisfied with my determination, you can seek an internal review by writing to the Minister for Human Services as the Principal Officer of the agency. Your request should be sent within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may/will be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Amanda Hockings, Office Manager, on telephone 8463 3388 or by email at amanda.hockings2@sa.gov.au. If you disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Office Manager within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely



Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

15/6 / 2018

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/18/031 A18956295

Freedom of information application from the Nat Cook seeking access to *Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) regarding the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Michael Fotheringham – Executive Director Tony De Domenico – Chairman	Minister for Human Services	29 March 2018	Congratulations letter and offer to meet.	Released in full	
2.	Office Manager – Minister for Human Services	Dr Michael Fotheringham – Executive Director AHURI	9 April 2018	Acknowledgement letter	Released in full	
3.	Mel Howard – Executive Assistant	DHS: Minister Lensink Correspondence Unit	13 April 20158	Email – Request for an appointment	Released in full	



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29 March 2018

The Hon. Jacqueline Michelle Ann Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
Legislative Council, Parliament House, North Tce
Adelaide SA 5000

Dear Minister,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacqueline", written over the printed name "Jacqueline" in the address block.

Congratulations on your appointment as the Minister for Human Services in the recently elected South Australian Liberal Government.

We note with interest the new government's commitment to engage AHURI to develop an improved understanding of South Australia's current housing assets and future demand, and look forward to discussing with you and your department how to best deliver on this commitment.

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) is a national not-for-profit organisation that specialises in the delivery of high quality, policy relevant research conducted through a network of universities.

The company acts as an independent research broker and has successfully delivered the National Housing Research Program since 2000. The National Housing Research Program is funded by the Australian Government, each State and Territory government and a network of participating universities.

The Institute comprises a professional research management company (AHURI Limited) governed by a Board of Directors that includes representation from the Australian Government and two representatives from the State and Territory governments as well as the university partners through which the research is conducted.

AHURI Limited continues to strive to meet the challenges of a broad policy agenda which is inclusive of housing, homelessness and urban policy.

The National Housing Research Program delivers:

- A high quality evidence base to inform policy development across the 'whole-of-housing-system'
- Managed engagement with stakeholders to support policy and practice development
- A research capacity building program in partnership with our university network
- An active dissemination program including a variety of roundtables for Chief Executives of Housing Departments, an annual program of one-day conferences, the National Housing Conference and the National Homelessness Conference.

AHURI also works closely with Housing Ministers and departmental chief executives to ensure that the activities under the National Housing Research Program are geared to current and emerging priorities. We are in a position to provide briefings to you on the latest research findings and their implications for policy development.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to brief you on the research activities funded through the National Housing Research Program, to gain an understanding of your policy priorities, and to discuss how to action your commitment to better understanding South Australia's housing assets and future demand.

We look forward to continuing a long-standing relationship with the Government and your department to deliver the evidence required to support policy development. We will contact your office to arrange a mutually convenient time for such a meeting. In the meantime, please call on us if we can be of any assistance.

Kind regards,



Dr Michael Fotheringham
Executive Director



Tony De Domenico
Chairman



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Dr Michael Fotheringham
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Dear Michael,

On behalf of Hon Michelle Lensink MLC, Minister for Human Services, thank you for your letter congratulating the Minister on her recent appointments. Your correspondence has been brought to Minister's attention.

The Minister looks forward to working with you to deliver better services, create more opportunities for all South Australians and ensure the most vulnerable in our communities are protected.

In partnership with individuals, families, the community sector and other agencies, we can aspire to build a better future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. J.' followed by a flourish.

Office Manager to the
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

9 April 2018

Hockings, Amanda (DHS)

From: Michael Fotheringham <Michael.Fotheringham@ahuri.edu.au>
Sent: Friday, 13 April 2018 1:57 PM
To: DHS:Minister Lensink Correspondence Unit
Subject: AHURI Meeting Request with Minister Lensink
Attachments: Letter Response from Minister Lensink 13.4.18.pdf; Letter to Minister Lensink from AHURI 5.4.18.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

This is a request for an appointment for AHURI's Chairman, Tony De Domenico & myself to brief the Minister on research activities funded through the National Housing Research Program and to gain an understanding of her policy priorities. They are happy to travel to the Minister's office.

They are available all day Thurs 9th May, Thurs 14th June, Friday 15th June, Mon 18th June- Fri 21st June, Mon 25th- Fri 29th June. Our preference is May dates as will already be in Adelaide.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact my EA, Mel Howard.

Kind regards,

On behalf of Michael Fotheringham

Mel Howard
Executive Assistant



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