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Ms Nat Cook MP
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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 26 June 2018 seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS Signed Briefing by Minister Lensink 18MHS/0100.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. Three documents were located relevant to the scope of your application, and I have determined to release one document in full and two in part.

Documents 1 and 2 contain personal information relating to third parties, including mobile phone number and identifying details, information that I consider would be unreasonable to release. I have therefore determined this information to be exempt pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Section 20(4) of the Act provides that if it is practicable to give access to a copy of a document with exempt matter deleted, and it appears that the applicant would wish to be given such a copy, the agency must give access to a copy of the document to this limited extent.

Please find enclosed a copy of the documents, and a document schedule containing a brief description of the documents.

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, 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



Amanda Hockings
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

23 / 7 / 2018

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0022

Freedom of information application from Nat Cook MP seeking access to *Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS Signed Briefing by Minister Lensink 18MHS/0100.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Screening Unit, Department of Human Services	Minister for Human Services	3 May 2018	Briefing – Abolishment of screening fees for school volunteers	Released in part	Exempt clause 6(1) – personal affairs
2.	Vincent Tarzia MP	John Gardner MP, Minister for Education and Child Development	23 March 2018	Letter – Constituent enquiry regarding abolishment of screening fees for school volunteers Attachment to document 1	Released in part	Exempt clause 6(1) – personal affairs
3.	Minister for Human Services	Vincent Tarzia MP	13 May 2018	Letter – Response regarding screening fees Attachment to document 1	Released in full	No exempt material



TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: ABOLISHMENT OF SCREENING FEES FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Decision/action required by: N/A
Reason: Routine

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the question raised by the Hon Vincent Tarzia MP, Member for Hartley, on behalf of [REDACTED] of East Marden Primary School as to whether screening fees for school volunteers are to be abolished.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
2. That you approve the draft response to the Member for Hartley.	<u>Approved</u> / Not Approved / Noted

<p>Comments:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Michelle Lensink</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13/5/2018</p>
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KEY POINTS

- On 23 March 2018 the Hon Vincent Tarzia MP, Member for Hartley, wrote to the Minister for Education and Child Development on behalf of his constituent [REDACTED] Governing Council Member of East Marden Primary School, asking about the abolishment of screening fees for school volunteers (Attachment 1).
- On 9 April 2018 the Office of the Minister for Education emailed a referral request asking that you provide a response direct to the Member for Hartley.
- The government made an election commitment that it would abolish all fees payable by volunteers for screening undertaken by the Department of Human Services.

DISCUSSION

The Free Screening Checks for Volunteers election commitment was discussed at the Minister's Meeting on 24 April 2018.

The Member for Hartley has asked about the abolishment of screening fees for school volunteers: these volunteers would require child-related employment screening.

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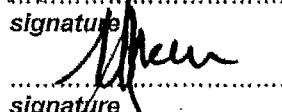
Options to implement the commitment are being considered noting that policy and legislative changes will be required.

As the preferred approach is under consideration, the draft response confirms the Government's commitment to free volunteer screening and that a date for implementation is yet to be considered (Attachment 2).

BUDGET

Are there financial implications No

MEDIA/SENSITIVE: No

		Screening Unit	
Director Screening	Kelly Tattersall	 signature	2,5,18 date
Chief Executive	Tony Harrison	 signature	3,5,18 date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the Member for Hartley to the Minister for Education and Child Development dated 23 March 2018; and
2. Response to the Member for Hartley for approval and signature.

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VINCENT TARZIA MP
MEMBER FOR **HARTLEY**



23rd March 2018

Hon John Gardner MP
Minister for Education and Child Development
163 St Bernards Road
ROSTREVOR SA 5073

Dear *John* Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of [REDACTED] Governing Council Member from East Marden Primary School.

[REDACTED] would appreciate knowing if screening check fees for volunteers in schools are likely to be abolished?

I look forward to hearing from you, so that I may respond to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Vincent Tarzia MP
Member for Hartley



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Hon Vincent Tarzia MP
Member for Hartley
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Dear Mr Tarzia

Vincent,

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Minister for Education and Child Development about the abolishment of screening fees for school volunteers. The Minister for Education and Child Development has referred your enquiry to me as the Minister responsible for the Department of Human Services' Screening Unit.

You will be aware of our commitment to abolish fees payable by volunteers for screening undertaken by the Department of Human Services (previously known as the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion).

The Department of Human Services is currently developing advice on implementing this change, including options on approaches and associated timeframes.

Please reassure your constituent that we are committed to the abolition of these fees and are working towards this and will advise of an implementation and commencement timeframe soon.

Yours sincerely

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

13/5/2018

Cc Minister for Education and Development for 18ME0047

