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Dear Ms Cook

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 5 February 2019, seeking access to:

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS, SAHT, SAHA or Ministerial Paper 18MHS/0757.*

Two documents were located that fit within the scope of your request and I have determined to release these documents in full. Please find enclosed a copy of the documents released, and a document schedule containing a brief description of each document and determination in summary form.

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 Fiona Braendler, Senior FOI Officer, on telephone 8413 9094 or by email at [DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au). If you disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Senior FOI Officer within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Schutz  
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

25 /02/ 2019

### SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – DHS/19/02739

Freedom of information application from Nat Cook seeking access to copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS, SAHT, SAHA or Ministerial Paper 18MHS/0757.

No	Author	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Katherine Hawkins, Director, Concessions and Support Services	28/09/2018	Briefing – 18MHS/0757 - Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund	Released in full	No exempt material
2.			Attachment 1 to Document 1 – Draft Minute to the Attorney-General.	Released in full	No exempt material

18MHS/0757



**Government of South Australia**  
 Department of Human Services

**TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

**RE: GAMBLERS REHABILITATION FUND**

**Decision/action required by:**...../...../.....  
**Reason:**.....

Recommendation	Response
That you note the contents of this briefing providing information about the breakdown of funding for the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund (GRF) for 2018-19 as requested by the Attorney-General.	Approved / Not Approved <u>Noted</u>

<p><b>Comments:</b></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;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">28/9/2018</p>
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**PURPOSE**

The Attorney-General has requested a breakdown of funding for the GRF. A Minute to the Attorney-General providing the information requested is attached for your consideration.

**KEY POINTS**

- The GRF is established under the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* (the Act) to fund organisations to provide Gambling Help Services (GHS). The GRF budget for 2018-19 is \$7,190,000.
- Section 73BA(4) of the Act establishes that the administration of the GRF is within your portfolio.
- The Department of Human Services through the Office for Problem Gambling administers the GRF.

**RISKS/SENSITIVITIES**

Nil.

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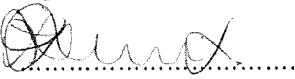
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**DISCUSSION**

A draft Minute providing information requested by the Attorney-General is attached for your consideration (Attachment 1).

**BUDGET**

Are there financial implications No

<b>Division</b>	Community and Support Services		
<b>Director Concessions and Support Services</b>	Katherine Hawkins	 ..... <i>signature</i>	4.9.18
<b>A/Deputy Chief Executive</b>	Kim-Sherie Summers	 ..... <i>signature</i>	6.9.18

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Minute to the Attorney-General.

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TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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**RE GAMBLERS REHABILITATION FUND**

This Minute is to provide you with an overview of the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund (GRF) including purpose, expenditure and break-down for 2018-19. The GRF is established under the *Gaming Machines Act 1992 (GMA)*.

The GRF budget for 2018-19 is \$7,190,000. The GRF comprises funding contributions from the gaming industry (Gaming Care, Club Safe and the Adelaide Casino), the South Australian Government and from the 15 per cent "point of consumption" wagering tax introduced in July 2017. Contributions from the Adelaide Casino and the wagering tax are indexed, whereas other contributions are set at a flat rate.

Section 73BA(4) of the GMA establishes that the money paid into the Fund is to be applied towards programs for or related to minimising problem gambling or rehabilitating problem gamblers and towards any costs associated with the Gambling Advisory Committee and Gambling Advisory Officer. The GMA also establishes that at least 85% of the money paid into the Fund must be applied towards programs for rehabilitating problem gamblers.

In March 2012, section 73BA of the GMA (establishment and administration of the GRF) was delegated to the Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion (now the Minister for Human Services) from the Minister for Education and Child Development.

The administration of the GRF by the Department of Human Services (through the Office for Problem Gambling) facilitates policy and program responses to South Australians affected by problem gambling in line with the Department's broader mandate in developing and providing community based programs for vulnerable and/or disadvantaged members of the community.

The GRF provides funding for 29 Gambler's Help Services (GHS) to provide free, confidential gambling and financial counselling services, and referral to therapeutic and other appropriate support services across South Australia.

GHS also deliver holistic public health strategies to address the complex range of issues that accompany problematic gambling and to raise community awareness, reduce stigma, minimise risk and harm and encourage early help seeking.

There are 17 targeted GHS which provide gambling support for specific vulnerable individuals and community groups, including ensuring culturally appropriate interventions are offered and linkages maintained with other community groups and services.

Targeted GHS are currently funded through agreements in place for 2016-19 with an option to extend current agreements until 2022. The total funding for these targeted GHS in 2018-19 is \$2,945,342.



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Metropolitan and country GHS are funded for three years from 2016-19. A six-month extension is being sought from the State Procurement Board to continue providing these services until 31 December 2019 to enable a competitive tender process. The total base funding for regional GHS for 2018-19 is \$2,649,736.

In 2018-19, \$312,000 will be allocated to Southern Adelaide Local Health Network to fund the Statewide Gambling Therapy Service to provide psychiatric and in-patient public hospital beds for people affected by problem gambling. The contract for and performance of this service is managed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing.

In addition to the funding of GHS, the GRF also funds significant one-off and annual strategic projects, including communications initiatives to assist in raising community awareness of problem gambling across South Australia and the help services available.

In 2018-19, the GRF has provided \$94,500 for the annual Gambling Harm Awareness Week (GHAW). The week, being run at the end of October, aims to promote responsible gambling and to raise awareness of the help available to problem gamblers. Each year, GHS are encouraged to promote a theme, with the 2018 theme being "Online Gambling".

In 2017-18 OPG, the Independent Gambling Authority, Consumer and Business Services and the gaming industry collaborated to develop an In-Venue Gambling Harm Minimisation Strategy. The Strategy included a suite of in-venue messaging to support industry to provide assistance to patrons with problematic gambling behaviour. Phase Two of the Strategy will commence in 2018-19, targeting culturally and linguistically diverse gaming patrons. Approximately \$50,000 has been allocated for Phase Two of the Strategy in 2018-19.

In 2017-18, funding was provided by the GRF for ORC International, collaborating with the University of Adelaide to conduct the 2018 SA Gambling Prevalence Survey. A total of \$400,000 in funding from the GRF will be provided for the Survey in 2018-19. The total cost for the Survey over the two financial years is \$800,000 (GST exclusive). The Survey has commenced, and is interviewing 20,000 participants about their gambling behaviours. The findings of the Survey will inform future gambling help policy and service delivery. The final report will be delivered in December 2018.

The indicative budget in 2018-19 for OPG staffing and associated costs to manage and monitor the projects and initiatives provided under the fund is \$833,000.



**Hon Michelle Lensink MLC**  
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

28/19 / 2018

