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Ms Nat Cook
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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 27 February 2019 seeking access to:

Since 17 March 2018, copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to hardcopy or electronic letters, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) to the Hon. John Dawkins MLC.

Since 17 March 2018, copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to hardcopy or electronic letters, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) from the Hon John Dawkins MLC.

After consultation with your office on the 8 March 2019, it was agreed to combine two of the freedom of information requests as referenced above, into one response.

Unfortunately, a determination was unable to be made within the 30 days, therefore it is considered to be a 'deemed refusal' under section 19(2)(b) of the Act. However, our office has continued to process your application outside of this timeframe. Section 19(2)(a) of the Act provides that an agency can release documents outside of the thirty-day timeframe, and this is still taken to be a determination under the Act.

Four documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your application and I have determined to release two documents in part and two documents in full.

Documents 1-2 contain personal details of a third party and I consider that the release of this information would be an unreasonable disclosure of information

related to the third partys' personal affairs, and have determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

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, 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 are dissatisfied with the outcome of your FOI application, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman SA. Please contact the Ombudsman directly on (08) 8226 8699.

Yours sincerely



Amanda Hockings
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

30 / 5 / 2019

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – 19MCOR/0062

Freedom of information application from the Ms Nat Cook MP seeking access to *Since 17 March 2018, copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to hardcopy or electronic letters, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) to the Hon. John Dawkins MLC.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Hon John Dawkins MLC	Minister for Human Services	04/06/2018	Letter on behalf of a constituent regarding concerns about housing in Naracoorte for low income earners and families involved in the Commonwealth Government's Skilled Migrants Program	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 6(1) – personal affairs
2.	Minister for Human Services	Hon John Dawkins MLC	06/09/2018	Letter of Response – constituent concerns about housing in Naracoorte for low income earners and families involved in the Commonwealth Government's Skilled Migrants Program	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 6(1) – personal affairs
3.	Hon John Dawkins MLC	Minister for Human Services	30/05/2018	Letter regarding the Regional Youth Bus developed by Shaping Futures	Released in Full	
4.	Hon John Dawkins MLC	Minister for Human Services	01/08/2018	Letter regarding the establishment of the Premier's Council on Suicide Prevention	Released in Full	



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THE HON. JOHN DAWKINS, M.L.C.
LIBERAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

4 June, 2018

Hon. Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
Level 12, 1 King William St
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Michelle

Dear Ms ~~Lensink~~,

I write on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote to me regarding housing issues in [REDACTED] specifically the lack of rental housing available for at-risk families.

[REDACTED] states that due to a lack of affordable rental for low income earners, such as Unity Housing, vulnerable families are being forced to live in tents at [REDACTED] and rely on handouts from [REDACTED] and herself.

She also mentions that families involved in the [REDACTED] hosted by [REDACTED] are living in similarly adverse conditions. Multiple families have been brought to South Australia as part of the program and are now either homeless or living in situations that involve sixteen people residing in a shared three-bedroom house.

Your examination of the matters, and subsequent response would be appreciated.

[REDACTED] contact details are;

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

JOHN DAWKINS



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Hon John Dawkins MLC
Legislative Council
Parliament House
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Mr Dawkins,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2018 on behalf of [REDACTED] regarding her concerns about housing in [REDACTED] for low income earners and families involved in the Commonwealth Government's [REDACTED]

The new South Australian Housing Authority (SAHA) came into effect on 1 July 2018 and will be seeking to collaborate with key regional partners and stakeholders to consider housing responses for regional areas. The aim of the new Authority is to ensure improved housing outcomes for South Australians.

Currently SAHA funds specialist homelessness services to provide support and housing outcomes to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] area. The Southern Country Generic Homelessness Service – [REDACTED] delivered by ac.care, provides people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with case management and support to access accommodation. Ac.care can be contacted on 8724 9211 or at www.accare.org.au/homelessness. I would encourage anyone who is experiencing or at risk of homelessness to contact the Homelessness Gateway Service on 1800 003 308.

SAHA also has a number of properties in the [REDACTED] area that are managed by community housing providers. In [REDACTED] the management of 103 public housing dwellings were transferred to [REDACTED]. This was part of a broader transfer of the management of 374 public housing dwellings in the south east to [REDACTED] has committed to invest significant funds into the upgrade and maintenance of the properties.

To enquire about community housing, people should contact:

- Housing SA, Mount Gambier on 131 299
- Unity Housing (Limestone Coast) on 8724 4100
- Anglicare SA (via ac.care Mount Gambier) on 8724 9211



Regarding [REDACTED] concerns about families involved in Australia's Migration Program ([REDACTED]) SAHA is not in a position to comment on Commonwealth Government program activity. For further information regarding the Program, [REDACTED] is encouraged to visit the Department of Home Affairs website: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/01backgd.

I trust this information assists you to respond to [REDACTED]. Should you have any further queries, please contact Mr Glen Williams, Ministerial Liaison Officer from my office on 8463 6560.

Yours sincerely

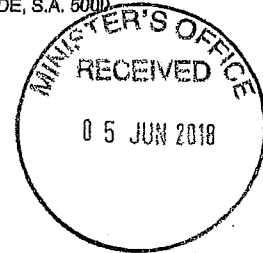


Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

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LIBERAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PREMIER'S ADVOCATE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

30 May 2018

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
Level 12, 1 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister *Michelle*

I write to bring to your attention the Regional Youth Bus developed by Shaping Futures.

This asset is currently being under-utilised and has great potential in reaching disadvantaged people particularly in our regional areas. The bus is able to offer support and many services and is available to attend events.

Please find attached information including costings, received from Shaping Futures in regard to their Regional Youth Bus project.

I trust this information is helpful and could assist with support and delivery of services to regional South Australia.

Yours sincerely

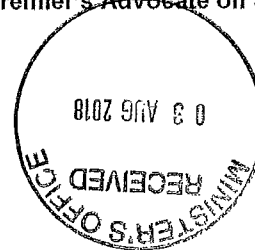


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**Government
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**Hon. John Dawkins MLC
Premier's Advocate on Suicide Prevention**



1 August 2018

*Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
GPO Box 2832
ADELAIDE SA 5001*

Dear Ms ^{Michelle} ~~Lensink~~,

I am pleased to inform you that the Marshall Liberal Government has acted promptly in regard to its commitment to preventative health and wellbeing, with the establishment of the Premier's Council on Suicide Prevention.

It is my pleasure to advise you of the members chosen to form this council. All members have extensive experience in the fields of mental health and suicide prevention, with shared backgrounds in clinical research and academia, medical practice and community outreach service. These individuals provide invaluable expertise to the council and are dedicated to reducing the harm caused by suicide.

Premier's Council on Suicide Prevention:

Jill Chapman, *MOSH Australia*, Thebarton

Chez Curnow, *Mental Health & Alcohol/Other Drugs Manager, Country SA PHN*, Pt Augusta

Dr Kate Fennell, *Research Fellow, School of Psychology University of Adelaide*, Parkside

Dr Seema Jain, *Practice Principal, Elizabeth Grove Surgery*, Elizabeth Grove

Janet Kuys, *Silent Ripples Inc.*, Palmer

Lee Martinez, *UniSA Department of Rural Health*, Whyalla

Peter May, *Aboriginal Health Worker, Country Health Connect*, Mt Gambier

Chad McLaren, *Advocate for the rights and needs of contemporary veterans*, Largs Bay

Rev Peter Sandeman, *Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare SA*, Hindmarsh

Simon Schrapel AM, *Chief Executive, Uniting Communities*, Adelaide

Dr Peter Tyllis, *Former Chief Psychiatrist*, North Adelaide

Kelly Vincent, *Advocate for the rights and needs of people with disabilities*, Brompton

Tracey Wanganeen, *Standby Co-ordinator Country SA, Uniting Communities*, Mt Gambier

The Premier's Council on Suicide Prevention will build on the vital work of the state's suicide prevention networks and associated voluntary groups. The council will work to increase the profile and reach of suicide prevention initiatives across South Australia and identify innovative opportunities in the area.

It is an honour to lead the Council in my role as Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention. This council provides an exciting opportunity to enhance community participation in suicide prevention activities. Community engagement is vital and will be encouraged by raising the profile of shared perspectives and engaging with the community in the design and coordination of suicide prevention programs.

I encourage you to engage with me and my office if I can be of any assistance in working with you and your community to raise the profile of suicide prevention for the benefit of all South Australians.

Yours sincerely



Hon. JOHN DAWKINS MLC
Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention

*Thank you for all your support for my work
in this area*