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Dear Mr Teague

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 29 July 2022, seeking access to:

Any record of the Department of Human Services having directly paid for or reimbursed the cost of a funeral for a child who passed away in South Australia, within the last 10 years.

Advice was received from your office on 11 August 2022 that you were not seeking access to any personal details, rather only the number of times DHS had directly paid for, or reimbursed, the cost of a funeral for a child, and the dates of those instances.

DHS administers the South Australian Government funeral assistance program, Funeral AssistanceSA, which helps people who have experienced the death of a South Australian family member or friend to cover the costs of a funeral. Applicants must meet income eligibility criteria and have exhausted all other options to raise funds or obtain credit. The information located in response to your request relates to the Funeral AssistanceSA program.

Section 4(5) of the Act specifies that an agency is only obligated to provide access to existing documents or documents that can readily be produced from information held in computer databases. However, in this instance it was pragmatic for the department to create a document containing the information requested, and this document is being provided to you in full. Please note that the dates specified in the table attached indicate the date an application for funeral assistance was received by DHS.

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 <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>

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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. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Biggins', written in a cursive style.

Kelly Biggins
ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

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Funeral assistance provided for funerals of children under 18 - FuneralSA

Year	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
A p p l i c a t i o n d a t e	29/10/2012	15/07/2013	16/07/2014	6/08/2015	19/08/2016	5/07/2017	9/08/2018	25/07/2019	14/07/2020	3/11/2021
	7/01/2013	16/07/2013	13/08/2014	6/08/2015	18/10/2016	5/07/2017	7/09/2018	9/10/2019	3/08/2020	28/01/2022
	14/01/2013	9/10/2013	9/09/2014	12/08/2015	31/10/2016	21/07/2017	29/10/2018	11/10/2019	4/09/2020	21/02/2022
	24/01/2013	31/01/2014	22/09/2014	18/08/2015	3/11/2016	18/08/2017	1/11/2018	17/10/2019	21/09/2020	1/03/2022
	2/04/2013	5/02/2014	9/10/2014	1/09/2015	1/11/2016	18/08/2017	29/11/2018	23/10/2019	6/10/2020	7/03/2022
	23/05/2013	5/05/2014	21/11/2014	26/10/2015	9/01/2017	6/10/2017	17/12/2018	6/11/2019	15/10/2020	21/03/2022
		13/05/2014	11/12/2014	16/11/2015	18/01/2017	6/10/2017	23/01/2019	14/11/2019	26/10/2020	21/03/2022
		17/06/2014	15/12/2014	4/01/2016	31/01/2017	24/10/2017	11/02/2019	8/01/2020	28/10/2020	31/03/2022
		30/06/2014	30/12/2014	5/02/2016	7/02/2017	31/10/2017	18/03/2019	17/02/2020	8/12/2020	13/05/2022
			3/03/2015	1/03/2016	21/02/2017	27/11/2017	2/05/2019	3/04/2020	17/12/2020	23/06/2022
			17/04/2015	3/03/2016	6/03/2017	5/12/2017			22/01/2021	
			29/06/2015	29/03/2016	5/04/2017	11/12/2017			11/03/2021	
			4/06/2015	19/04/2016	24/04/2017	20/12/2017			7/04/2021	
				31/05/2016	27/04/2017	27/02/2018			17/05/2021	
					15/05/2017	9/03/2018				
					30/05/2017	19/03/2018				
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						22/03/2018				
						28/03/2018				
					4/05/2018					
					7/06/2018					
					18/06/2018					
Total	6	9	13	14	16	22	10	10	14	10