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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 12 October 2018 seeking access to:

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding Ministerial agenda item "Election Commitment: Development of 40 new Domestic Violence Rooms" from 15 May 2018.*

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.

One document has been identified as falling within the scope of your application and I have determined to release this document in full.

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

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](mailto: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



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ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

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<b>MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES MEETING</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		
<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>PROGRESSION OF THE ELECTION COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP 40 NEW DV ROOMS</b>	
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	15 / 05 / 18	<b>NOTING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>KEY POINTS</b>	1. Sector consultation will be coordinated through the DV Roundtable to identify preferred service models and built form. 2. DHS is developing a budget bid that includes \$4M for the development of 40 new rooms of DV crisis accommodation.	

**Minister's Comments:**

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**BACKGROUND**

The election commitment to develop 40 new accommodation beds in three domestic violence crisis centres (\$4M) includes:

- \$1.5M to fund a 20 bed facility in Southern Adelaide.
- \$2.5M to fund two 10 bed facilities in country South Australia.

**DISCUSSION**

It is important that the built form supports contemporary best practice and facilitates an effective service response to address safety and support for women and their children. This will require close engagement and consultation with the not-for-profit specialist domestic violence service sector.

It is recommended that sector consultation be coordinated through your DV Round Table initiative. The consultation will involve all Women's DV crisis services and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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It is anticipated that to address this Government priority, some reallocation of homelessness funding will be required to sustain recurrent operations. Currently, \$63.3 million is sourced through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and National Affordable Housing Agreement.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The election commitment of \$4M will be included in a DHS budget bid. It is expected that this funding will be included in the budget presented to Parliament on 4 September, 2018.

**OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

It is likely that the consultations will highlight two broad service approaches. An integrated “core and cluster” model that provides independent living, support and counselling directly on site or, alternatively, a “shelter” style of service like that provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The core and cluster model has direct recurrent staffing costs associated with it. Typically, individual metropolitan DV services receive annual funding in the order of \$900,000 per annum. This includes the management and support of approximately 10 onsite independent living units (2-3 bedrooms each), plus outreach case management for clients on the waitlist for crisis accommodation or who have exited into community based housing.

The only DV shelter style model currently operating in South Australia is Vinnies Women’s Centre. This service operates via financial reimbursement from the Private Rental Assistance Hotel/Motel Program for each night of accommodation provided. This program is currently facing substantial, escalating demand and budget cost pressures (\$1.3M budget with projected overspend of \$2.6M in 2017/18). A separate brief is being prepared for you providing more detailed analysis and options to address this matter.

Vinnies Women’s Centre attracts a minimum nightly fee of \$170 (for single women, additional \$15 charge per child), per room from the Private Rental Assistance Hotel/Motel Program. Running at an average of 90% occupancy for their 20 rooms, this equates to approximately \$1.1 million per year. Clients who access Vinnies Women’s Shelter and other hotel/motels within the Private Rental Assistance Program also receive outreach support and counselling by Specialist DV services who receive grant funding to provide support to women and their children at risk due to domestic violence. An increase in the number of households requiring support will have flow on budget impacts for these services.

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