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**Our ref:** 18MCOR/0105  
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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 17 October, 2018 seeking access to:

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS or Ministerial Paper 18TDHS/894.*

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.

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

This document contains information that was used for a briefing note prepared specifically for use in Parliament, the disclosure of which would infringe the privilege of Parliament. I have therefore determined to exempt the document in full pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 to 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](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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### SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0105

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Department of Human Services	Minister for Human Services		Briefing RE: Marveloos and Changing Places Update	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 17(c) – Parliamentary privilege
2.	Department of Human Services	Minister for Human Services		Attachment to Briefing: 18TDHS/006 Changing Places and Marveloo Update	Released in Full	

18TDHS/894



Government of South Australia  
Department of Human Services

TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: MARVELOOS AND CHANGING PLACES UPDATE

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the contents of this briefing.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>

Comments:	
<p><i>For new PBN please</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p><i>Michelle Lensink</i></p> <hr/> <p>Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</p> <p><i>10/11/18</i> / 2018</p>

KEY POINTS

Clause 17(c)

DISCUSSION

Changing Places


Clause 17(c)

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- The City of Holdfast Bay has not yet returned the requested grant documents and advised on 2 July 2018 that no funding had been allocated from their council to progress Changing Places at this stage.
- The City of Whyalla has returned the requested grant documents and the grant will be progressed once procurement documentation is completed.
- The City of Mount Gambier, the City of Port Lincoln and the City of Victor Harbor are at the consultation stage with their community, to identify the best place for a Changing Places toilet.
- Procurement documentation is currently being developed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), to approve funding for the four country councils. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of July 2018.
- A competitive process is envisaged for the remaining two years of funds and expressions of interest have been received from: Alexandrina Council, Barunga West Council, City of Burnside, City of Campbelltown, City of Mount Barker, City of Playford, City of Salisbury, District Council of Grant, District Council of Yankalilla, City of Charles Sturt, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and City of Port Adelaide Enfield.
- An application will be made to the Department of Treasury and Finance to carry forward the remaining 2017-18 funding.
- There are no toilets currently built to Changing Places specifications in South Australia. However, there are some toilets that are very close to these standards, including at the Elizabeth City Centre, the Central Market and the Adelaide Aquatic Centre at North Adelaide.

#### Marveloos

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- The Treasurer approved the requested increase in upfront deposit from 10% to 30% on 23 June 2018. However, due to a number of risks including limited interest from Councils to manage a Marveloo, DHS are no longer planning to purchase the two Marveloos as announced in January 2018. Instead Councils and not-for-profit organisations will be able to apply for a grant to purchase a Marveloo.
  - The DHS is currently developing procurement documentation which details the technical business of managing a Marveloo and how to apply for funding. Councils who have expressed an interest, along with not-for-profit organisations, will be notified of the tender process when it is open.
  - It is anticipated that further information will be provided to interested organisations through an Industry Brief. Maroondah Council in Victoria would be invited to participate in this brief and share their expertise as they were involved in developing the first Marveloo, and manage two Marveloos.

#### BUDGET

Are there financial implications	No
Is there a budget impact	No

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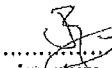
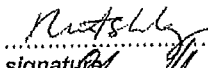
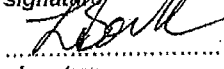
**MEDIA/SENSITIVE:**

Yes

There is public expectation that the Marveloos will be available in 2018 and that Changing Places will be progressed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Briefing 18TDHS/006 Changing Places and Marveloo Update

<b>Division</b>	NDIS Reform		
<b>Director</b>	Joe Young	 signature	19.7.18
<b>Executive Director</b>	Nick Ashley	 signature	28.7.18
<b>Deputy Chief Executive</b>	Lois Boswell	 signature	25.7.18 date

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18TDHS/006



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

**TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES**  
**RE: CHANGING PLACES AND MARVELOO UPDATE**

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the contents of this briefing regarding the previous government's commitment of \$1.7 million to develop Changing Places toilets and purchase two Marveloos.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
2. That you approve the Disability Policy Unit sending the attached letters to local councils to progress the Changing Places and Marveloo commitment (attachments 1 and 2).	<u>Approved</u> / Not Approved / Noted
3. That you approve and send the attached draft Minute, with the quote, that seeks approval from the Treasurer for an increase from 10% to 30% deposit for the purchase of two Marveloos.	<u>Approved</u> / Not Approved / Noted
<b>Comments:</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	 Hon Michelle Lensink MLC 12/1/2018

**KEY POINTS**

- In the 2017-18 Mid-Year Budget Review the previous government committed \$1.7 million over four years to fund the introduction of 15 Changing Places toilets and purchase two Marveloos (portable Changing Places toilets) for the state.
- On 5 January 2018, the previous Minister for Disabilities announced that funding would be allocated to the Adelaide Oval, City of Adelaide and City of Holdfast Bay to partner and build Changing Places toilets, and that the state would purchase two Marveloos.
- A further announcement was made on 31 January 2018 that funding would be allocated to four regional councils, Mount Gambier, Victor Harbor, Port Lincoln and Whyalla to build Changing Places toilets.
- An Acquisition Plan has been developed and communication has commenced with Councils and the Adelaide Oval to gather requested documentation including relevant

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Insurances and financial statements before funding contracts are developed by Procurement and Grants.

- The DPU would like to send the attached letters to councils seeking interest in storing and managing a Marveloo and to identify other councils that would be interested in a potential partnership for Changing Places, pending your approval.
- To progress the Marveloo Goods and Services Agreement with Mobile Changing Systems Pty Ltd, the Disability Policy Unit (DPU) recommends that you approve and send a Minute to the Treasurer requesting approval to increase the deposit from 10% to 30% to cover upfront costs for a small business (attachment 3).

## DISCUSSION

On 29 October 2017, Hon Kelly Vincent MLC announced that she had negotiated with the State Government for \$41 million in programs and infrastructure for South Australians with mental illness and disability. \$1.7 million was allocated to fund the introduction of Changing Places toilets across South Australia.

Changing Places toilets are widely recognised as an example of best practice to enable people with disability to participate in society with more independence and dignity. They have a fully accessible design, and features that better meet the needs of people with disability who have complex physical support needs. There are currently no toilets built to Changing Places specifications in South Australia.

It was announced that funding would be distributed over four years and that 15 Changing Places toilets would be developed during this time, as well as two Marveloos. Marveloos are portable and can be used for major events such as the Royal Adelaide Show, Adelaide Fringe festival, WOMAdeLaide, Clipsal 500 as well as events in rural locations.

\$500k was allocated in the 2017-2018 financial year with the remaining three years being allocated \$400k. The breakdown for 2017-2018 is \$100k for the City of Holdfast Bay and City of Adelaide, 50k for the Adelaide Oval and the remaining \$250k was allocated for the purchase of two Marveloos and a Changing Places Forum. The breakdown for the 2018-2019 financial year was \$100k for each of the four rural councils. An Acquisition Plan has been developed and all six local councils who have agreed to build a Changing Places toilet are well advanced in addressing the requirements of the Acquisition Plan.

To assist with the allocation of funding South Australians were invited to have their say about where Changing Places toilets were most needed via a survey on the YourSAy website. The survey was available between 25 August 2017 and 23 September 2017 and was promoted to the approximately 370 members of the Disability Engagement Register (at that time), Local Government, and disability service providers, through Facebook and Twitter and at meetings attended during the survey period by members of the Disability Policy Unit. There were 212 responses and the findings were compiled into a report. Adelaide CBD was identified as the first preference, with 116 responses and Whyalla second, with 111 responses. The following locations, in order of preference were Port Lincoln with 30, Marion with 27, Noarlunga with 20 and Glenelg with 15.

In order to leverage current interest and promote Changing Places and Marveloos, the DPU hosted a forum on Friday 16 February 2018. Local and State Government, developers, non-profit organisations, service providers and other interested parties attended. The forum was well received with over 70 people attending, including representation from 15 councils.

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There is public expectation that Changing Places and Marveloos are progressed and the DPU seeks your approval to send the attached letters seeking further interest from councils about Changing Places partnerships and opportunities to house and manage a Marveloo. Given the size of the Marveloos and the additional resources required to manage the storage, hire, transport, maintenance, marketing and probable weekend installations, it is preferable to nominate a council to manage the Marveloos similar to that of the Maroondah City Council in Victoria who manage two Marveloos which are hired out for use across the state.

The DPU also recommends that you send the attached Minute to the Treasurer, with the quote from the manufacturer, seeking approval from 10% to 30% for an upfront deposit to purchase the two Marveloos. The Director of Mobile Changing Systems, Mr Paul Legg, has explained to DHS that, being a small manufacturing company, they are unable to cover the substantial cost of materials for the manufacture of a Marveloo and would be unable to accept a contract that included only a 10% deposit. Mobile Changing Systems is the only manufacturer of Marveloos in Australia.

**BUDGET**

Are there financial implications No

Is there a budget impact No

Is there an FTE impact No

**MEDIA/SENSITIVE:**

There is a public expectation that Changing Places toilets will be constructed, and that Marveloos will be purchased. Yes

<b>Division</b>	Disability Policy Unit	
<b>Director</b>	David Caudrey	<i>David Caudrey</i> 28/3/18 signature
<b>Deputy Chief Executive</b>	Lois Boswell	<i>Lois Boswell</i> 5/4/18 signature

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft letter 1
2. Draft letter 2
3. Draft Minute to The Treasurer
4. Marveloo quote
5. News Release 5/1/18
6. Acquisition Plan

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