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Dear Ms Bonaros

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 11 February 2019, seeking access to:

*All minutes, documents, notes, records and correspondence that relate to: The administration of and the allocation of funds from the Gambling Rehabilitation Fund for the financial years 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and the first two quarters of the 2018/2019.*

The scope of this application was narrowed by your office to:

*All minutes, documents, notes, records and correspondence that relate to the allocation of funds from the Gambling Rehabilitation Fund for the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and the first two quarters of 2018/2019 for the following items:*

- *Administration costs;*
- *Staffing;*
- *Frontline services to assist people with gambling problems/addictions; and*
- *Research*

Upon receipt of advice of your narrowed scope, a phone call was made to confirm if in fact you were seeking access to just the figures relating to these items and this was confirmed by Evan Miltsoudis from your office.

Unfortunately, DHS was unable to make a determination on your application within the 30 days, therefore it is considered to be a 'deemed refusal' under section 19(2)(b) of the Act. However, DHS 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.

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. In response to your request, a report has been run to identify costs allocated against the categories requested in the department's financial reporting system.

Based on this report, please find below figures of money allocated from the GRF for the requested categories:

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 to Dec 2018 <sup>(a)</sup>
Item:	Actuals \$	Actuals \$	Actuals \$
Staffing Costs	682,285	665,421	296,341
Administration Costs	48,558	14,220	30,794
Frontline Services <sup>(b)</sup>	5,821,892	5,835,592	3,442,056
Research	29,396	384,940	153,976

(a) Preliminary unaudited allocations.

(b) As per "Grants, subsidies and client payments" in the published financial statements.

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



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**ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER**

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