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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 29 June 2018 seeking access to:

Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) regarding the Changing Places program.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. Three documents fall within the scope of your application, as listed in the attached document schedule, and I have determined to release all documents in full.

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, 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 disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Office Manager within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hockings', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Hockings
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

26 / 7 / 2018

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – A19162974

Freedom of information application from Nat Cook MP seeking access to *Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) regarding the Changing Places Program.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Department of Human Services	Ms Kelly Vincent		Draft Response	Released in full	
2.	Department of Human Services	Minister for Human Services		DHS Signed Briefing	Released in full	
3.	Minister for Human Services	Ms Kelly Vincent	24 June 2018	Future funding for Changing Places accessible toilets funding	Released in full	



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18MDIS/0527

Ms Kelly Vincent
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Dear Ms Vincent

Thank you for your letter of 24 June 2018 regarding Changing Places facilities in South Australia, including progress towards a facility in Port Lincoln.

The Government of South Australia is firmly committed to the roll-out of Changing Places across the state. In early 2018, the previous government announced a number of partner organisations, including the City of Port Lincoln. The City has indicated that it has almost completed community consultation on the location of the facility.

The City of Port Lincoln made an initial enquiry to the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding the possibility of converting an accessible toilet at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. DHS advised this would not be suitable, and that a location closer to the town centre would be preferred. DHS is continuing to engage with the City of Port Lincoln in order to bring about an optimal outcome for the residents of Port Lincoln.

You will be pleased to learn that contracts have been finalised for the building of Changing Places facilities at both Adelaide Oval and James Place in the Adelaide CBD. I greatly appreciate, and value, your contributions towards securing Changing Places facilities in South Australia.

Yours sincerely

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

/ / 2018

Cc Hon Rob Lucas MLC, Treasurer
Ms Nat Cook MP, Shadow Minister for Human Services
Mr Peter Treloar MP, Member for Flinders





TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

**RE: LETTER FROM KELLY VINCENT REGARDING CHANGING PLACES FUNDING,
AND SITE FOR PORT LINCOLN FACILITY**

Decision/action required by: 2 / 8 / 2018

Reason: Same date as HA QON/54/01/003

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note this briefing	Approved / Not Approved / Noted
2. That you approve and send the attached draft reply to Ms Vincent, with CC's as indicated	Approved / Not Approved / Noted

<p>Comments:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">/ / 2018</p>
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KEY POINTS

- Ms Kelly Vincent wrote to you on 24 June 2018, asking for an update on the Changing Places program, as well as about any commitment to locate a facility at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. A draft reply is attached.
- The Shadow Minister for Human Services recently asked similar Questions on Notice in the House of Assembly (HA QON/54/01/003)
- You have also recently been provided with a separate briefing to update you on progress towards Changing Places and Marveloos (18TDHS/894).

DISCUSSION

Ms Kelly Vincent wrote to you, concerned about reports that a Changing Places facility is proposed for an existing accessible toilet at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, and that staff have been seeking support through a petition. Ms Vincent correctly asserts that Changing Places are not to replace existing accessible toilets, and wrote that her constituents believe that the leisure centre may not be the optimal location in Port Lincoln.

The Government has not committed to funding a Changing Places toilet at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. It is, however, committed to providing funding in a Port Lincoln location from

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the 2018-19 budget that is supported by the local community, to be determined through effective consultation.

The Department for Human Services (DHS) has requested and not yet received the following information from the City of Port Lincoln required prior to any funding agreement:

- the most recent Annual Report for the organisation
- the most recent Financial Statement for the organisation
- a formal proposal that outlines the organisation's understanding of the ongoing maintenance costs and how these will be met
- evidence that the proposed location is supported through community consultation
- certificate of public liability insurance of not less than \$20,000,000 and
- worker's compensation insurance policy.

On 30 April 2018, DHS emailed the City of Port Lincoln, and had a follow up telephone conversation with the relevant officer, advising that a proposal to replace existing accessible toilets at the leisure centre with a Changing Places would not be supported by DHS. The City of Port Lincoln also proposed combining a Changing Places with a parents' room and DHS advised that this would not meet required guidelines and safety standards. The Council were also advised that consultation with the local community around any proposed location would be required. DHS raised the concern that the leisure centre was a considerable distance from the main centre and encouraged the Council to consider a more central location that will better serve the whole community, a view also expressed by Ms Vincent.

The City of Port Lincoln has indicated that it has almost completed its community consultation, which will provide guidance to the preferred location.

DHS will continue to engage with the City of Port Lincoln to meet the requirements of the Changing Places guidelines.

BUDGET

Are there financial implications No

Is there a budget impact No

MEDIA/SENSITIVE: No

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Division	NDIS Reform		
Director	Joe Young
		<i>signature</i>	
Executive Director	Nick Ashley	<i>Nick Ashley</i>	13.7.18
		<i>signature</i>	
Deputy Chief Executive	Lois Boswell	<i>Lois Boswell</i>	16.7.18
		<i>signature</i>	

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft reply to Ms Kelly Vincent (with copies as indicated)

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Kelly Vincent

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Date: June 24, 2018\$1.7

Hon. Michelle Lensink
Minister For Human Services
Via email

Dear Minister:

I am writing to you with some questions and concerns regarding the future of funding for Changing Places accessible toilets funding in South Australia. As you are aware, prior to the 2018 State Election, I negotiated \$1.7 million worth of funding for the construction of Changing Places around the State.

While in Port Lincoln on business yesterday, I met with local residents who are concerned about a proposal to put a Changing Place in the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. From the information I have been given, I believe that the proposal is to add Changing Place features inside an existing bathroom in the Centre. I understand that the Leisure Centre staff has been asking patrons to sign a petition to support this proposal.

As you are probably aware, the Changing Places accreditation guidelines state that Changing Places facilities are not to be built as a replacement for other types of accessible toilets. Additionally, my constituents are also concerned that the Leisure Centre may not be the best place for a facility on its own as it is some distance from the centre of town. They argue that a better placement may be the Town Hall or on the foreshore.

I would appreciate an update on the future of the Changing Places project more generally, and specifically whether the Government has committed funding for a Changing Place to the Leisure Centre, and whether it has considered other locations in Port Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Kelly Vincent

CC: Rob Lucas, Treasurer
Nat Cook, Shadow Minister
Peter Treloar, Member for Flinders