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Sent by email: [Tristan.rust@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto: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 12 October, 20108 seeking access to:

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS or Ministerial Paper 18TDHS/012.*

and

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS Housing Services and NGO Housing Contracts expired June 2018.*

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October, your office confirmed that these applications could be combined after being advised that they were requesting the same information.

Unfortunately, the Minister's Office 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, 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 part.

Document one contains the mobile phone number of a departmental employee and I consider that the release of this information would be an unreasonable disclosure of information related to the employees' personal affairs and have determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

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

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



**Amanda Hockings**  
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

14 / 12 / 2018

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0064**

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Department of Human Services	Minister for Human Services	6/04/2018	Briefing	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 6(1) – Personal Affairs

18TDHS/012



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


**TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

**RE: MINISTER MEETING - IMPENDING EXPIRATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

**Decision/action required by: 30/03/2018**

**Reason:** To provide Specialist Homelessness Services with sufficient notice regarding funding arrangements beyond 30 June 2018.

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the contents of this briefing regarding the impending expiration of Specialist Homelessness Services contracts.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
2. That you consider writing to the South Australian Specialist Homelessness Services Sector advising them of your intentions regarding sector funding beyond 30 June 2018.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>

<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><i>Please advise please of outcomes from DTB</i></p>	 <p>Hon Michelle Lensink MLC 6/4/2018</p>
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**KEY POINTS**

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- Service Agreements for 37 Organisations, providing 74 specialist homelessness services cease on 30 June 2018.
- While the Commonwealth Government has indicated their intent to maintain their contribution to specialist homelessness services sector funding via the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, the multilateral and bilateral agreements to formalise this funding have not yet been agreed.
- It is therefore proposed that, subject to the Treasurer's agreement, you write to all South Australian specialist homelessness services providers indicating your intent to offer a formal service agreement offer once negotiations of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement with the Commonwealth conclude.

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## DISCUSSION

The South Australia Government contracts 37 Organisations, to deliver 74 specialist homelessness services over 99 outlets across the state. In 2017/18 the sector will receive \$63M of funding through the National Affordable Housing Agreement and National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness for the delivery of these services through to 30 June 2018. No service agreements with specialist homelessness service providers are in place from 1 July 2018, except for the Street to Home service for inner-city rough sleepers operated by Neami Limited which expires 30 June 2019.

On 9 May 2017, the Commonwealth Government announced that the National Affordable Housing Agreement and National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness would be combined into a single, ongoing National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, to take effect from 1 July 2018. Under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, funding to state and territory governments will target jurisdiction specific priorities including supply targets, planning and zoning reforms and renewal of public housing stock while also supporting the delivery of frontline homelessness services.

Whilst the *Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2018* to support the funding of the housing and homelessness sector has now passed through the Federal Parliament, the supporting multilateral and bilateral agreements between the South Australian Government and the Commonwealth Government have not yet been finalised, however, negotiations are underway.

Accordingly, the Commonwealth Government's homelessness funding and the State Government's homelessness funding contribution for 2018/19 is yet to be confirmed.

Notwithstanding these outstanding matters, the Department is conscious of the need to communicate promptly with providers regarding funding arrangements for the specialist homelessness services sector beyond 30 June 2018. Prompt advice of funding arrangements beyond 30 June 2018 is required in order to ensure continuity of the homelessness services provided by the sector to 22,000 people each year and employment for the approximately 800 people employed by the sector.

We have raised the matter with the Department of Treasury and Finance, who will discuss the matter with the Treasurer on Wednesday 28 March 2018. Department of Treasury and Finance indicate that \$9M of State Government homelessness funding has been factored into the forward estimates, but the funds are currently held centrally pending the finalisation of the multilateral and bilateral agreements.

Department of Treasury and Finance understand the need to communicate promptly with the Specialist Homelessness Service providers regarding funding beyond 30 June 2018. Accordingly, Department of Treasury and Finance will discuss options for communicating with the sector regarding future homelessness funding with the Treasurer at their meeting on Wednesday 28 March 2018. In particular, the Treasurer's concurrence will be sought to write to providers and indicate the State Government's intent to offer specialist homelessness services a formal service agreement offer once the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement negotiations with the Commonwealth are concluded.

The Department therefore proposes that, subject to the Treasurer's agreement, you write to all providers indicating your intent to offer specialist homelessness services a formal service

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**BUDGET**

Are there financial implications Yes

Is there a budget impact No

	2017-2018 \$000	2018-2019 \$000	2019-2020 \$000	2020-2021 & ongoing \$000
Operating Expenses				
Operating Revenue				
<b>Net Operating Cost</b>				
Capital Expenditure				

Is there an FTE impact No

Chief Financial Officer noted: *[Signature]*  
27/3/18

MEDIA/SENSITIVE: Yes

<b>Division</b>	Housing SA		
<b>Executive Director</b>	Phil Fagan-Schmidt	<i>[Signature]</i>	27/03/2018
<b>Chief Executive</b>	Tony Harrison	<i>[Signature]</i>	27.3.18

Contact Officer: Phil Fagan-Schmidt, Executive Director Housing SA

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