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Dear Ms Cook

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 10 January 2019 seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS or Ministerial Paper 18TDHS/1003.

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.

Two documents were located that fit within the scope of your request and I have determined to release these documents in full. Please find enclosed a copy of the documents released, and a document schedule containing a brief description of each document and determination in summary form.

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. 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

4 / 03 / 2019

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – DHS/19/00807

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No	Author	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Rhiannon Burner, Senior Policy Officer, Office for Women	19/10/2018	Briefing – 18TDHS/1003 - New Publication – Improving Responses to Older Women Affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Adelaide, South Australia	Released in full	No exempt material
2.			Attachment 1 to Document 1 – Improving Responses to Older Women Affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Adelaide, South Australia	Released in full	No exempt material

18TDHS/1003



Government of South Australia


Department of Human Services

TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: NEW PUBLICATION – IMPROVING RESPONSES TO OLDER WOMEN
AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Decision/action required by: N/A

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the publication of a new resource, <i>Improving Responses to Older Women Affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Adelaide, South Australia</i>	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
2. That you note the publication's connection with current work focusing on older women and economic empowerment.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>

Comments:	 Hon Michelle Lensink MLC 19 / 10 / 2018
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KEY POINTS

- *Improving Responses to Older Women Affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Adelaide, South Australia* has recently been released (the publication). It is a joint publication from Flinders University, Aged Rights Advocacy Service Inc (ARA), Women's Safety Services South Australia (WSSSA), Uniting Care Wesley Bowden and Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS).
- The publication makes a range of recommendations, called 'actions', some of which have significant associated expenses.
- The publication will be a useful resource in terms of ongoing work related to older women and economic empowerment.
- A copy of the report is attached for your information (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

The twenty actions contained in the publication cover a range of areas. These are divided in to two key sections, improving responses to older women experiencing domestic violence, and raising awareness. The majority of actions are contained in the improving responses

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section. The publication suggests that these actions be taken up by governments, service providers and the community.

It also notes that older women are increasingly being impacted by domestic violence and homelessness, and includes detailed information on the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and culturally and linguistically diverse women.

Some of the recommendations relate to the South Australian Government's election commitments. For example, a call for a 'one stop shop' for older women that could be linked to the establishment of safety hubs (see action 12) and amended to fulfil the spirit of the action.

Building on suggestions from the recent Riverland DV Roundtable, it is possible that the Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services could be tasked with considering the community awareness actions (see actions 19 and 20). Action 1, which relates in part to crisis accommodation, could be further considered in light of the Government's commitment to new crisis accommodation. Action 18 relates to programs for abusers, which ties in with the commitment to increase the number of perpetrator programs. This action calls for programs specific to abusers of older women. There may also be an opportunity to raise community awareness about older women and domestic violence via WSSSA, particularly through 1800RESPECT and the new 24/7 crisis line.

There are also actions which relate to other areas of interest to you in your role as Minister for Human Services, particularly housing and accommodation needs for older women experiencing violence (see actions 1 and 2, for example).

As you are aware, the Office for the Ageing (OFTA) and the Office for Women (OFW) had been working together with the Council of the Ageing South Australia (COTA SA) and Dr Susan Mitchell on the Mature Women Ambassador's project, which included the development and release of the Mature Women Can resource. While Dr Mitchell's role will not continue, OFTA, OFW and COTA SA will continue to work together on economic empowerment for older women, including engagement with employers to address issues such as discrimination.

OFW will also have an ongoing role in considering ways to address violence against older women, at both State and National levels (older women are likely to be a priority cohort in the Fourth Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022*). These issues will also make up part of the content of the South Australian Violence Against Women framework, and the Economic Participation and Leadership strategy, both currently being developed as key policy documents by the Office for Women.

As a matter of interest, ARAS and WSSSA both recently attended the Aboriginal Women's Gatherings held in Yalata and Ceduna.

The South Australian Government is an ongoing member of ANROWS.

BUDGET

Are there financial implications	No
Is there a budget impact	No
Is there an FTE impact	No

MEDIA/SENSITIVE:

No

Division	Office for Women		
Director	Fiona Mort signature	11.7.18
Chief Executive	Tony Harrison signature	13.7.18 date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Improving Responses to Older Women Affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Adelaide, South Australia

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