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Yours sincerely



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ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

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### 5 SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0086

Freedom of information application from the Ms Nat Cook seeking access to *Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding Ministerial agenda item "Housing Bilateral" from 13 June 2018.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.			13/6/2018	Agenda Item – National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Bilateral Schedule	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 1(1)(e) – Decision of Cabinet Exempt – Clause 5(1)(a) – Intergovernmental relations
2.				Attachment to Agenda Item – NHHA Bilateral Schedule	Refused in Full	S20(1)(b) – Publicly available



<b>MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES MEETING</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		
<b>TITLE OF PAPER:</b>	<b>NATIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGREEMENT BILATERAL SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	13 / 6 / 2018	<b>DISCUSSION</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>KEY POINTS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Australian officials have held discussions with Commonwealth Government officials to develop a National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) bilateral schedule (the bilateral).</li> <li>2. The Department of Treasury and Finance's (DTF) Executive Director, Budget and Performance, Tammie Pribanic, and Housing SA's Executive Director, Philip Fagan-Schmidt, attended a meeting with you on 23 May 2018 to discuss the draft bilateral.</li> <li>3. Your feedback on the bilateral was incorporated into a revised draft that was sent to the Commonwealth on 5 June 2018.</li> <li>4. The Commonwealth has proposed minor amendments to the bilateral, largely the inclusion of a standard clause regarding 'other conditions and/or priority policy areas' which may be agreed from time to time.</li> <li>5. This forms the acceptance of the bilateral from the perspective of both South Australian and Commonwealth Government officials.</li> <li>6. <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span></li> <li>7. The bilateral needs to be settled by 15 June 2018 to ensure continuity of housing and homelessness funding beyond 30 June 2018.</li> </ol>	

**Minister's Comments:**

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## BACKGROUND

The 2017 Federal Budget announced that funding to jurisdictions under the current National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) would be combined into a new Agreement (NHHA) from 1 July 2018.

On 25 October 2017, the Commonwealth Government introduced the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017, proposing amendments to the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* to enable the introduction of the NHHA. This Act was passed in March 2018 and comes into force on 1 July 2018.

Since the 2017 budget announcement, South Australia has engaged in multilateral and bilateral negotiations with the Commonwealth Government to finalise the NHHA. Discussions have been led by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).

On 4 May 2018, South Australia's Department of the Premier and Cabinet received a signed letter from the Prime Minister presenting the final draft NHHA for the Premier's consideration.

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To ensure continuity of housing and homelessness funding beyond 30 June 2018, both the multilateral and the bilateral need to be settled by 15 June 2018.

## DISCUSSION

### Multilateral Agreement

DTF, Housing SA and Renewal SA have represented South Australia in NHHA negotiations, which have been led by Deputy Heads of Treasuries.

To be eligible for funding under the new NHHA, States and Territories (States) must:

- have current housing and homelessness strategies
- contribute to data improvement plans
- agree to a State-specific bilateral schedule with the Commonwealth
- provide the Commonwealth with reports as detailed in the NHHA
- match Commonwealth homelessness funding dollar for dollar.

The Commonwealth has identified a number of national priority homelessness cohorts, which States are expected to address in their housing and homelessness strategies. These include:

- women and children affected by family and domestic violence
- children and young people
- Indigenous Australians
- people experiencing repeat homelessness
- people exiting institutions and care into homelessness
- older people.

All jurisdictions engaged in NHHA negotiations understand the importance of a nationally consistent housing and homelessness data set to improve transparency, and develop an evidence base to inform future research and policy. As a result, States have committed to forming an advisory body that will progress a national data improvement plan.

### Bilateral Schedule

Housing SA and Renewal SA have been actively engaged with DTF to develop the bilateral, with other agencies consulted where required (including the Department for Correctional Services, Department for Child Protection, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet).

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Housing SA's Executive Director, Philip Fagan-Schmidt, and DTF's Executive Director, Budget and Performance, Tammie Pribanic, met with you on 23 May 2018 to discuss the draft bilateral. At this meeting you requested amendments, which were incorporated into a revised draft, which was sent to the Commonwealth on 5 June 2018 for their consideration. The Commonwealth has accepted this agreement, with further minor amendments. Attachment 1 provides the revised bilateral.

The Commonwealth has proposed the inclusion on an additional standard clause in the agreement which provides a vehicle for Parties to agree to other conditions and/or priority policy areas from time to time. There are currently no such additional conditions in place.

The bilateral is designed to complement the State Government's housing and homelessness strategies. South Australia will be reviewing and updating its strategic documents over the coming year and as such, the bilateral has been drafted to enable amendments to align to the Government's strategy.

Key bilateral housing commitments proposed by South Australia include:

- Improving service channels for clients and interfaces with partners and contracted agencies
- Supporting clients to become more engaged in their community
- Improving the appropriateness and liveability of social housing stock
- Ensuring social housing is accessible by priority cohorts
- Ensuring South Australia's land supply is adequate to meet the long term demand
- Supporting an increase of affordable housing
- Supporting lower-income earners to enter the home ownership market.

South Australia's suggested homelessness initiatives articulate the reforms proposed for the homelessness sector, and fall under the general themes of early intervention and prevention, and improving responses and accommodation outcomes for homeless people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) contained within the bilateral are either deliverable actions, or are aligned to Specialist Homelessness Services KPIs. Key election commitments have been built into the agreement.

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (if relevant)**

Nil

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**OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (if relevant)**

Nil

<b>Division</b>	Housing SA		
<b>Director</b>	Katherine Hawkins	..... <i>signature</i>	...../...../.....
<b>Executive Director</b>	Philip Fagan-Schmidt	..... <i>signature</i>	...../...../.....
<b>Director, Office of the Chief Executive</b>	Nancy Rogers	..... <i>signature</i>	...../...../.....
<b>Chief Executive</b>	Tony Harrison	..... <i>signature</i>	...../...../.....

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. NHHA Bilateral Schedule

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