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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 2018 seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding Ministerial agenda items "Cessation of homelessness funding for government provided specialist homelessness services" from 8 May 2018.

Unfortunately, a determination was unable to be made 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 the document in part.

The document contains information that relates to the business and financial affairs of South Australian Housing Authority (SAHA) and other government agencies, and, costs associated with funding SAHA to services administered by other government agencies and budgetary savings targets outlined by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs by other service providers becoming aware of budgetary arrangements, leading to a greater expectation of higher funding agreements and potentially causing conflict between service providers. I have

therefore determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

In addition, the document contains information regarding the preparation of the State budget, and its release would disclose details concerning deliberations or decisions of Cabinet. I have therefore determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 1(1)(e) of Schedule 1 to 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. 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

18 / 3 / 2019

9SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0089

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 "Cessation of homelessness funding for government provided specialist homelessness services" from 8 May 2018.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Department of Human Services		7/5/2018	Agenda Item – Cessation of homelessness funding for government provided specialist homelessness services	Released in Part	Clause 7(1)(c) – Documents affecting business affairs Clause 1(1)(e) – Deliberations or decision of Cabinet regarding preparation of State Budget



MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES MEETING	
AGENDA ITEM	
TITLE OF PAPER:	Cessation of homelessness funding for government provided specialist homelessness services
MEETING DATE	DISCUSSION 7 / 05 /2018
KEY POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing SA would like to discuss our intention to cease funding for two specialist homelessness services; the Integrated Housing Exits Program (IHEP) delivered through the Department for Correctional Services (DCS) and the Adolescent Community Care Brokerage Program administered by the Department for Child Protection (DCP). DHS is required to send formal notification to these agencies regarding their funding beyond 30 June 2018.

Minister's Comments:

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BACKGROUND

You recently wrote to all non-Government Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) providers and indicated your intention to extend funding to current non-Government homelessness services for a further 12 months to 30 June 2019. No communication has yet been provided to the Government providers of SHS, namely the Integrated Housing Exits Program (IHEP) delivered through the Department for Correctional Services (DCS) and the Adolescent Community Care Brokerage Program administered by the Department for Child Protection (DCP).

Given the significant budget pressures facing the Department, Housing SA has identified these services as lower priority agreements, and is therefore wishing to discuss with you our intention to cease funding of these providers beyond 30 June 2018.

DISCUSSION

Integrated Housing Exits Program (IHEP)

The IHEP Program funding supported a full time Housing Coordinator resource within DCS. The Housing Coordinator supports clients who are on remand or sentenced prisoners serving a period of 12 months or less, that are assessed as Category 1 status with Housing SA. The Housing Coordinator supports these clients to connect to housing via an Integrated Housing Exits Property or alternative accommodation via the Integrated Housing Exits-Alternative Accommodation and Support program (IHEAAS). The Integrated Housing Exits Properties and IHEAAS programs both form part of the Ex-Custodial Homelessness and Support Service, delivered by Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of South Australia. IHEP assisted 170 clients in 2016/17. The IHEP Program is currently funded **Clause 7(1)(c)** for 2017/18.

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Adolescent Community Care Brokerage (ACCB)

The Adolescent Community Care Brokerage program is funded to provide brokerage support to young people aged between 16-20 years old, that have identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness, or that are under Guardianship of the Minister. These brokerage funds are used for young people to access goods and services required to successfully transition to independent living. This program typically assists between 230 – 300 clients per year. DCP manages the program and provides individualised brokerage assistance tailored to the needs of the young person. DCP do not recover any administration expenses from the service funding, with all funding allocated directly to brokerage. The Adolescent Community Care Brokerage program is currently funded **Clause 7(1)(c)** for 2017/18.

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]

Clause 7(1)(c)

If the decision is taken to de-fund these agencies, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will be required to provide formal notification to these organisations.

Division	Housing SA		
Executive Director	Phil Fagan-Schmidt/...../.....	<i>signature</i>
Director, OCE	Nancy Rogers	<i>signature</i>
Chief Executive	Tony Harrison/...../.....	<i>signature</i>

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

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