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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 25 February 2019 seeking access to:

Since 17 March 2018, copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to hardcopy or electronic letters, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) to the Member for Chaffey, Tim Whetstone MP.

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After consultation with your office on the 8 March 2019, it was agreed to combine two of the freedom of information requests as referenced above, into one response.

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.

Two documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your application and I have determined to release one document in part and one document in full.

Document one contains personal information of a third party and I consider that the release of this information would be an unreasonable disclosure of information

related to the third partys' personal affairs and have determined it to be exempt pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Information has been removed that is not relevant to your request. Please find enclosed a copy of the documents, and a document schedule containing a brief description of the documents.

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

31 / 5 / 2019

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – 19MCOR/0057

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Minister for Human Services	Hon Tim Whetstone MP – Member for Chaffey	20/02/2019	Minutes – request for information regarding Domestic Violence in the Riverland	Released in Part	Exempt – Clause 6(1) – personal affairs Out of Scope information
2.	Minister for Human Services	Hon Tim Whetstone MP – Member for Chaffey	01/08/2018	Letter of Response – the Waikerie Community Senior Citizens Home Inc. (WCSCHI) housing enquiry	Released in Full	

HON MICHELLE LENSINK MLC



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TO HON TIM WHETSTONE MP, MEMBER FOR CHAFFEY

RE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE RIVERLAND

Recently you forwarded a request for information regarding domestic violence services in the Riverland that you may use as background for a meeting on 1 March 2019 with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has requested a briefing on the government's policies and election commitments related to domestic and family violence; and has asked how you can support services in developing strategies to combat current local issues and trends.

[REDACTED] who are funded through the South Australian Housing Authority, state that in 2017-2018 [REDACTED] fleeing abusive partners were supported by the [REDACTED]. Compounding factors identified in the correspondence include lack of employment, drugs and alcohol, mental ill health, isolation, and lack of transport.

Attached is an overview of the current status of South Australian Government election commitments relating to domestic and family violence (Attachment 1).

In June 2018 a Roundtable was held in Berri discussing domestic and family violence. [REDACTED] attended the Roundtable. A draft report on this Roundtable is attached for your information (Attachment 2). Please note this is embargoed until 1 March 2019.

Please note you should have recently received an invitation to the Roundtable being held in Murray Bridge, also on 1 March 2019. [REDACTED] has also been invited to attend.

The Office for Women has been in contact with [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] intent to form a central hub for women experiencing domestic and family violence in Berri and is ready to work in partnership with the [REDACTED] to support and progress their work. [REDACTED] has confirmed that over the last 12 months the [REDACTED] has been establishing relationships with key services that could form the basis of a central hub at the [REDACTED] for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence – see attachment 3. It is anticipated that some services may be co-located with the [REDACTED] while other external services will be linked to the hub through clear support pathways.

The establishment of Safety Hubs is currently being progressed by the Office for Women (OFW) with the formation of a project team to implement this work. The team have advanced discussions with the Department of Education and the Women's Information Service (WIS) regarding the potential colocation and integration of services in regional areas. Feedback from the Chief Executives Group is also being integrated into a briefing for nominated departmental staff on Safety Hubs for the purposes of progressing their implementation in key locations.



HON MICHELLE LENSINK MLC

If you would like a representative from OFW to attend this meeting with you to provide in depth information on the government's policies and election commitments please contact Ms Annie Francis, Acting Director, OFW, on (08) 8303 0962.

Michelle Lensink

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
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Hon Tim Whetstone MP
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Dear Mr Whetstone ^{Tim},

Thank you for the email from your electorate office to Hon Stephan Knoll MP Minister for Transport, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on behalf of the Waikerie Community Senior Citizens Home Inc. (WCSCI). As this matter falls under my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Human Services, your correspondence has been forwarded to me for response.

As one of nearly 45 registered community housing providers operating in South Australia, WCSCI is required to maintain a range of regulatory and contractual requirements.

While the departments involved with these requirements are continually looking to streamline processes, there is a necessary level of due diligence required to ensure adequate protections are in place for both tenants and the government's social housing assets.

I am advised the WCSCI has been in discussion with Renewal SA staff (now staff of the new SA Housing Authority (SAHA)) regarding the purchase of the seven properties for a number of years, and made a formal offer on 1 August 2017. However, I understand the offer was not accepted due to it being significantly below market value.

In line with current sales policy, it is not possible to gift these properties to WCSCI. A proposal to have the properties revalued with a view to continuing negotiations has been offered should WCSCI still wish to purchase the properties.

SAHA is aware that maintaining community-housing registration with the Office of the Housing Regulator and their contractual requirements can be onerous, particularly for small organisations.



SAHA advise me that across the sector, many small organisations have investigated and pursued successful outcomes involving partnerships and mergers with larger community housing providers, of which there are several in the broader Riverland area.

I can advise that SAHA staff are available to work with WCSCHI to optimise the outcomes for the residents, the organisation and the local community.

Should you have any further queries, I would encourage you to contact Mr Joe Noone, Manager, Housing Industry Partnerships, SAHA on 8207 0785.

Yours sincerely



Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
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