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Sent by email: jeremy.makin@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Stinson

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 31st May 2018 seeking access to:

Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, and any other correspondence) regarding Grandparents for Grandchildren.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination.

I have determined that four documents fall within the scope of your application are listed in the attached document schedule and that access will be granted in full to attachments 1, 2 & 4 and in part to attachment 3 as listed in the document schedule.

Section 20(4) of the Act provides that if it is practicable to give access to a copy of a document with exempt matter deleted, and it appears that the applicant would wish to be given such a copy, the agency must give access to a copy of the document to this limited extent. This document contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet and I have determined it to be exempt to pursuant to clause 1(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

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 disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Office Manager within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely



Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

25/6 /2018

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/18/031 A19009694

Freedom of information application from Jeremy Makin seeking access to *Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) regarding Grandparents for Grandchildren.*

No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Ray Thomas Acting CEO Grandparents for Grandchildren	Minister for Human Services	23 April 2018	Grants SA – Medium Grant Towards a Telephone System Upgrade	Released in full	
2.	Elizabeth Staniford Parliament & Cabinet Officer, Office of the Minister for Child Protection	DHS: Minister for Human Services	28 May 2018	Email copy of co-signed Minute	Released in full	
3.	Department for Child Protection	Treasurer	28 May 2018	Minutes Re: Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren SA	Released in part	Clause 1(1)(e)
4.	Peter R Biber CEO Grandparents for Grandchildren	Minister for Human Services	4 June 2018	Meeting request	Released in full	

23 April 2018



Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
GPO Box 2832
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister

RE: GRANTS SA – MEDIUM GRANT TOWARDS A TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

We have received your letter dated 17 April 2018 advising that we have been successful with our medium grant application to purchase a replacement telephone system.

Thank you so much for your favourable consideration on this occasion Minister and we certainly look forward to being able to put the funds to good use as described in our application.

On behalf of our Board, our hard working and dedicated volunteers, and of course our grandparent clients and their families – which now number well in excess of 11,000 – may I sincerely convey my gratitude to you, your Ministry and the Government of South Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Ray Thomas".

Ray Thomas
Acting CEO

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services
GPO Box 2832
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Dear Minister

I have recently been advised that our core funding for operational expenses will now be provided by your department, the Department for Human Services as opposed to the Department for Child Protection which has provided much of our core funding for the past 10 years. In the early years, DHS (formerly DCSI) also provided a component of this funding, so it appears we have come full circle!

Clearly I would welcome the opportunity of meeting with you at your earliest convenience to tell you a little more about Grandparents For Grandchildren (GFGSA) as we look forward to developing a solid and mutually beneficial working relationship with you and your team.

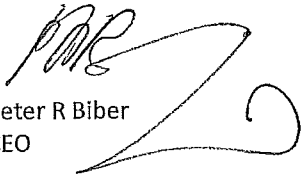
I was thinking however that it would be a wonderful occasion for you to see firsthand what we do and how we do it if you would care to visit our new offices which are right down the street from yours! Just an informal meeting for morning or afternoon tea perhaps and the opportunity to meet some of our key volunteers for a chat.

Failing this, I would of course be happy to meet at your offices.

Could you please consider our invitation at your earliest convenience and I would be happy to liaise with your staff to finalise arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Yours sincerely


Peter R Biber
CEO

4 June 2018

Hockings, Amanda (DHS)

From: DCP:Minister
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 12:48 PM
To: DHS:Minister for Human Services
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren
Attachments: 18MCP_0183 - Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc - Signed Minute.pdf
Categories: Printed

Good morning

Please find attached a copy of the co-signed minute relating to Grandparents for Grandchildren. This was sent to the Treasurer on Friday and a copy sent to the Premier's office also.

Kind regards

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Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection

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Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection

MINUTES *forming* ENCLOSURE to

Reference number

TO: THE TREASURER

CC: THE PREMIER

RE: FUNDING FOR GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA's role includes providing advice, advocacy, information and referral services for grandparents and kinship carers.

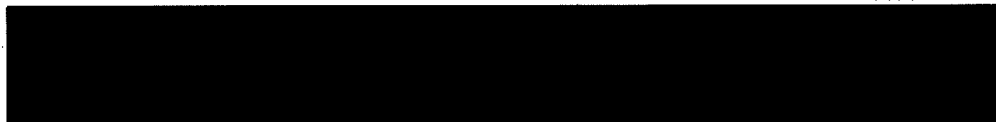
These services are provided to those caring for grandchildren under arrangements made through the Family Court or privately between family. This is separate to the support provided to those caring for children under the Guardianship of the Minister.

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA advise that following the outcomes of a recent tender process by the Department for Child Protection for carer advocacy services, they will no longer be able to deliver services beyond 30 June 2018.

The tender process sought a single provider to deliver carer advocacy services for all carers, including grandparents, caring for children under Guardianship of the Minister. This is consistent with a recommendation from the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission. Grandparents for Grandchildren SA were not successful in the tender process.

Accepting the outcomes of the tender process, there remains a service gap in the provision of support for those caring for children in arrangements outside the child protection system. These care arrangements support early intervention outcomes by reducing the cost burden on service provision and reducing the number of children requiring a child protection response.

Clause 1(1)(e)

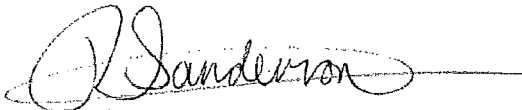


I am advised the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) holds funding in DTF central contingency to fund approved early intervention programs. I am seeking your approval as Treasurer for \$369,000 over three years to be provided to the Department of Human Services from within this contingency allocation for provision of these services by Grandparents for Grandchildren SA.

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Clear deliverables will be included in the grant agreement with Grandparents for Grandchildren SA. These will be used to track performance and support assessment about whether to proceed with the two-year extension option.

There is no commitment to provide assistance to Grandparents for Grandchildren SA beyond the three years,



Rachel Sanderson
MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION

25 / 5 / 2018



Michelle Lensink
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

25 / 5 / 2018

Grant Agreement

Grant represents a contribution to the organisation to provide agreed service provision.

In scope

Coordinate an information and referral services for grandparents and kinship carers caring for grandchildren in the following circumstances:

1. Arrangements made through the Family Court.
2. Arrangements made privately between family.

The service will be accessible to South Australian grandparent carers from all cultural and geographic backgrounds.

Out of Scope

Information, advice and referral service for grandparents and kinship carers caring for grandchildren who are under the guardianship of the Minister for Child Protection.

Term

1 + 2 years

Budget

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Net operating balance	-\$0.120	-\$0.123	-\$0.126
Net lending balance	-\$0.120	-\$0.123	-\$0.126

Service Elements

1. Volunteer program development and administration
2. Information, advice and referral, including for example:
 - Advise on and refer clients to parenting support
 - Advise on and refer clients to psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors
 - Refer clients to lawyers who can represent grandparents in Family Court
 - Website, Information material and packages.
 - Support to access to legal assistance
 - Support to access Australian government income support /carer benefits
 - Support to access taxation advice
 - Support to access disability assessment and benefits through NDIA
 - Support to enrol children in schools and access the school card.
 - Attend Family Court hearings as a court companion.

Deliverables – 12 months

1. Volunteer program development and administration

- 1.1. All volunteers undertaken and maintain screening to ensure they have appropriate clearance to work with children, the aged, people with a disability and people who are vulnerable (ongoing).
- 1.2. Work Health and Safety procedures developed in accordance with appropriate legislative and regulatory frameworks (six months and ongoing).

2. Information, advice and referral

- 2.1. Develop, maintain and publish (online) a list of grandparent carer supports (1st developed within six months, otherwise ongoing)
- 2.2. Maintain a website (ongoing)
- 2.3. Hold public information sessions for grandparent carers (two per financial year).
- 2.4. Develop and maintain guidelines for working with Aboriginal grandparents and grandparents from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- 2.5. Provide tailored services to meet the needs of Aboriginal grandparents and grandparents from culturally and linguistically diverse communities (ongoing).
- 2.6. Provide statewide telephone support and referral service (ongoing)
- 2.7. Develop a rural telephone link up service for grandparent carers in rural and remote areas (within six months)
- 2.8. Refer grandparent carers of children under guardianship of the Minister to Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers (ongoing)

3. Reporting and accountability

- 3.1. Establish a gender balanced, skills-based board including membership of at least two Aboriginal South Australians (within six months and ongoing).
- 3.2. Skills based board to meet at least every six months.
- 3.3. Quarterly written reporting on program deliverables (1st report due October 2018).