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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 28 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 Hon. Dennis Hood MLC..

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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.

One document has been identified as falling within the scope of your application and I have determined to release this document in full.

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

30 / 5 / 2019

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – 19MCOR/0064/0065

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Hon Dennis Hood MLC	Minister for Human Services	10/10/20109	Letter regarding NDIS	Released in full	



10 October 2018

Hon. Michelle Lensink M.L.C.
Minister for Human Services
GPO Box 292
Adelaide SA 5001



RE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE NDIS INQUIRY

Dear Minister Lensink

I am writing to you to advise that the Social Development Committee has commenced an inquiry into the adequacy of mental health services during the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The terms of reference for this inquiry are attached for your information.

A public call for submissions has been made and an invitation to make a submission has been forwarded directly to a range of pertinent services, academics and agencies.

As the Minister for Disability and member of the Disability Reform Council of COAG with responsibility for implementation of the NDIS in South Australia, the Committee invites your department to provide submissions, written and/or oral, to the inquiry addressing the terms of reference.

The advertised closing date for written submissions is 29 October, however oral evidence will be heard beyond this date and an extension is acceptable.

Submissions from your portfolio will be central to ensuring the Committee has the information required to provide a constructive and comprehensive report to Parliament and Members look forward your assistance with this inquiry.

If you have any questions about the Inquiry or the Committee please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, Ms Robyn Schutte.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Hood".

Hon Dennis Hood M.L.C.
Presiding Member



Parliament of South Australia
Social Development Committee

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES & THE NDIS

Resolved on the Committee's own motion that ~

The Committee inquire into, and report on the provision of services for people with mental illness under the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with particular reference to:

1. The gap between the Federal Government's predicted and realised percentages of mental health clients receiving NDIS support;
2. The reduction in funding to the Personal Helpers and Mentors program and Mental Health Respite Carer Support program and the impact this will have on people with mental illness;
3. The ongoing requirements for block funded mental health services provided by the State Government after the NDIS transition;
4. The effects on South Australians with mental health issues who are deemed ineligible to receive NDIS funding;
5. The sufficiency of services provided to people with mental illness who are accepted into the NDIS;
6. The effects on South Australians with mental health issues undertaking the application process for the NDIS;
7. Any other relevant matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission or register an interest in presenting oral evidence is invited to do so by Monday 29 October, 2018. Please note submissions will be made publically available unless determined otherwise by the Committee. Submissions that address issues outside the terms of reference may not be accepted.

With regard to the hearing of evidence, the Committee reserves the right to determine which witnesses will be invited to provide an oral submission.

Address submissions to:

The Secretary, Social Development Committee
GPO Box 572
Adelaide 5001 or
email to: sdcc@parliament.sa.gov.au

Additional information on the Committee and making a submission is available at www.parliament.sa.gov.au/sdc

Please direct enquiries to:

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