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Mr Matthew Cowdrey Member for Colton 130 Valetta Road FULHAM GARDENS SA 5024

Sent by email: matthew.cowdrey@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Cowdrey

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 11 August 2021, seeking access to:

A list of all public servants seconded to the Minister for Disabilities Office, including start and finish dates and position title. The number of complaints, concerns, conflict or dispute avoidances, request for transfers and worker compensation claims raised by staff employed in the Minister's office. Any documents that refer to the complaints, concerns, conflict or dispute avoidances, request for transfers and worker compensation claims raised by staff in the minister's Office. Timeframe: 1/09/2017 to 18/03/2018

It was agreed with your office to amend the timeframe to 18/09/2017 to 17/03/2018 to correspond with the dates for the term of the previous Minister for Disabilities.

I apologise that DHS did not make a determination within 30 days as required by the FOI Act. However, DHS has continued to work on your application, and in accordance with section 23(1)(b) of the Act, I am writing to you to advise that DHS has not been able to locate any documents that fall within the scope of your application.

Section 4(5) of the Act specifies that where an agency holds information in computer storage and a particular document is capable of being produced on the basis of information so stored, the agency is to be taken to hold that document. Unfortunately, DHS has been unable to run a report from information in computer storage in relation to your request for a 'list of all public servants seconded to the Minister for Disabilities Office, including start and finish dates and position title'. However, in the interests of transparency, DHS has created the following table containing the position title and start and finish dates of public servants seconded to the Minister's office from 18 September 2017 to 17 March 2018 and this is being released to you outside of the provisions of the Act.

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Position title	Start Date	End date
Personal Assistant to the Minister	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Personal Assistant to the Chief of Staff	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Office Manager	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Senior Business Officer	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Parliamentary Officer	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Cabinet Officer/Ministerial Assistant	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Business Support Officer	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Business Support Officer	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Ministerial Liaison Officer	18/9/2017	5/01/2018
Ministerial Liaison Officer	18/9/2017	17/3/2018
Ministerial Liaison Officer	8/12/2017	18/12/2017

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Fiona Braendler, Senior FOI Officer, on 8413 9094 or by email at <u>DHSfreedomofinformation@sa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Schutz ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

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