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Our ref: DHS/21/08191
Your ref: 11270400

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Sent by email: puddy.rebecca@abc.net.au

Dear Ms Puddy

I refer to an application for internal review under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 29 November 2021 seeking access to:

All documents including notes, memos, briefings, correspondence, emails or other electronic communications referencing a free food service in Whitmore Square, including but not limited to a soup/street kitchen.

Timeframe: 1/01/2020 to 10/09/2021

The application was submitted by Ms Stacey Lee, ABC News, but I understand that you are now acting on her behalf with regards to this application.

I apologise that DHS was unable to make a determination on your initial application within the required 30-day timeframe, therefore it was considered to be a 'deemed refusal' under section 19(2)(b) of the FOI Act. DHS was also unable to meet the timeframe for making a determination on your application for internal review and is therefore said to have confirmed its original determination of a 'deemed refusal' under section 29(5) of the FOI Act.

Release of documents under Section 19(2a) of the FOI Act

Section 19(2a) states that an agency can give access to a document outside of the legislated timeframes for dealing with an application and this is said to still be a determination under the FOI Act.

DHS has located 52 documents that fall within the scope of your application and these documents are being released to you under section 19(2a). Please note that mobile phone numbers have been redacted from 33 documents, information that would have been considered exempt under clause 6(1) were DHS to have made a determination within required timeframes. Additionally, information not relevant to your application has been redacted from six documents.

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Please find enclosed a copy of the documents released and an accompanying schedule of documents.

Disclosure log

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 be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>

External review

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this internal review determination.

For more information about seeking a review, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

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

Yours sincerely



Jessica Winch
ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – DHS/21/08191

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No	Author	Date	Description of document	Determination	Exemption clause
1.	Lauren Grant City Planning and Heritage City of Adelaide	22/07/2021	Email: RE: Issues in Whitmore Square and Community meeting	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs Information not relevant removed
2.	Fiona Curnow Director Communities and Justice, Department of Human Services (DHS)	4/08/2021	Email: Re: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
3.	Lauren Grant City of Adelaide	4/08/2021	Email: RE: Community Meeting - Whitmore Square	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs Information not relevant removed
4.	Briefings Officer DHS	9/08/2021	Email: FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - 21MDHS/0619 - Letter from Steve Georganas on behalf of Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square	Released in full	
5.	Office of Steve Georganas MP	6/08/2021	Ms Casey McEwan: Representation from Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide Attachment to document 4	Released in full	
6.	Steve Georganas MP	5/08/2021	Letter: Requesting support for street kitchen in Whitmore Square Attachment to document 5	Released in full	
7.	Lauren Grant City of Adelaide	9/08/2021	Email: RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent meeting Required	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
8.	Briefings Officer DHS	11/08/2021	Email: RE: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs

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9.	Alex Reid Executive Director Community and Family Services, DHS	13/08/2021	Email: Aust Communist Party briefing etc	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
10.	Shelaye Boothey Director Communications and Engagement, DHS	13/08/2021	Email: Re: Whitmore Square and DHS	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
11.	Dan Craker Community and Family Services, DHS	13/08/2021	Email: MINISTERIAL FOR ACTION - 21MHS/0619 - Due to OCE: 09/08/2021	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
12.	Fiona Curnow DHS	undated	Draft briefing Attachment 1 to document 11	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
13.	Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier of South Australia	undated	Attachment 1 to draft briefing - draft response – Premier Attachment 2 to document 11	Released in full	
14.	Hon Michelle Lensink MLC Minister for Human Services	Undated	Attachment 2 to draft briefing - draft response – Georganas Attachment 3 to document 11	Released in full	
15.	Alex Reid DHS	13/08/2021	Email: RE: URGENT MINISTERIAL FOR ACTION - 21MHS/0619 - Due to OCE: 09/08/2021 Attachment 4 to document 11 For attachments to this email, refer to documents 12, 13 and 14	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
16.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	16/08/2021	Email: FW: Questions - STACEY LEE - ABC - WHITMORE SQUARE	Released in full	
17.	Nick Reade Chief Executive Department of the Premier and Cabinet	16/08/2021	Email: Re: Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
18.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	17/08/2021	Email: fyi - all emails to Stacey	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs

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19.	Briefings Officer DHS	17/08/2021	Email: SIGNED RETURN - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square	Released in full	
20.	Fiona Curnow DHS	17/08/2021	21MHS-0619 - Minister signed briefing Attachment 1 to document 19	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
21.	Minister for Human Services	17/08/2021	21MHS-0619 - Minister signed response - Steve Georganas Attachment 2 to document 19	Released in full	
22.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	17/08/2021	Email: Stacey Lee - draft response	Released in full	
23.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	17/08/2021	Email: Re: Stacey Lee - draft response	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
24.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	18/08/2021	Email: can you live with this	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
25.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	18/08/2021	Email: FW: Stacey Lee - draft response	Released in full	
26.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	18/08/2021	Email: Aust Communist Party briefing etc	Released in full	
27.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	18/08/2021	Email: this is Kat's preference	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
28.	Laura Hofman A/Manager Public Affairs, DHS	22/08/2021	Email: Re: Link to ABC video	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
29.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	22/08/2021	Email: Whitmore Square lines	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
30.	Laura Hofman DHS	23/08/2021	Email: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns	Released in full	
31.	Alex Reid DHS	23/08/2021	Email: Fwd: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square For attachments 1 and 2, please refer to documents 5 and 6	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs

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32.	Correspondence Unit Office of the Minister for Human Services	3/08/2021	Email: FW: Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square Attachment 3 to document 31	Released in full	
33.	Casey McEwan Adelaide Secretary Australian Communist Party (ACP)	2/08/2021	Email: issue of URGENT importance Attachment 1 to document 32	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
34.	Correspondence Unit Office of the Premier	undated	Template: Premier's correspondence letter Attachment 2 to document 32	Released in full	
35.	Laura Hofman DHS	23/08/2021	Email: lines for review	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
36.	Laura Hofman DHS	23/08/2021	Email: RE: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
37.	Laura Hofman DHS	23/08/2021	Email: Re: Safety & Wellbeing Taskforce	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs Information not relevant removed
38.	Lachlan Cibich Principal Advisor Office of the Chief Executive	23/08/2021	Email: RE: Safety & Wellbeing Taskforce	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs Information not relevant removed
39.	Laura Hofman DHS	23/08/2021	Email: RE: Safety & Wellbeing Taskforce	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs Information not relevant removed
40.	Laura Hofman DHS	25/08/2021	Email: RE: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
41.	Alicha Leikas Manager, Corporate Communications, DHS	26/08/2021	Email: CE Message DHS News - for approval	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
42.	Sandy Verschoor Mayor City of Adelaide	26/08/2021	Email: Fwd: ABC TV	Released in full	

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43.	Stephen Zaluski Associate Director, Regulatory Services City of Adelaide	26/08/2021	Email: Permits for Food Services in Public Areas	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
44.	Alicha Leikas DHS	26/08/2021	Email: RE:	Released in part	Information not relevant removed
45.	Alicha Leikas	26/08/2021	Email: RE: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)	Released in full	
46.	Shelaye Boothey DHS	30/08/2021	Email: RE: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
47.	Lois Boswell DHS	1/09/2021	Email: RE: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE For attachment 1 to email at 8:36am please refer to document 33	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
48.	Casey McEwan ACP		Letter to Premier Attachment 2 to email at 8:36am in document 47	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
49.	Premier of South Australia		Letter from Premier Attachment 3 to email at 8:36am in document 47	Released in full	
50.	Correspondence Unit Office of the Premier	2/09/2021	Email: FW: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs
51.	Premier of South Australia		Letter from Premier to Australian Communist Party Attachment to document 50	Released in full	
52.	Alex Reid DHS	2/09/2021	Email: Words	Released in part	6(1) – personal affairs

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 July 2021 3:31 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS); Rogers, Nancy (DHS); Kleinitz, Catherine (DHS); Curnow, Fiona (DHS)
Subject: RE: Issues in Whitmore Square and Community meeting

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We have been advised of a couple of organisations who are providing charity in the area. Most notably:

- William's Wardrobe – handing out food, clothes and blankets to people. Matt Nairn has been in touch with these people, they aren't a registered charity
- Adelaide Day Centre Soup Van and Communist Party food provision: City of Adelaide Compliance and Permits team have been working to add some permit restrictions around food provision in public spaces so we can better manage this and also redirect where there are negative consequences to this activity – such as drawing more people to an area. I will get an update from the team on how they are going with this, and am also interested to see if these groups attend during the lockdown.
- Fred's Van and Orange Sky Laundry operate from Vinnies Men's shelter, but I understand that these activities are better coordinated through Vinnies.

I'll bring this up again with Matt and see if we can get status update on these services during and post lockdown.

Thanks Lois,

Lauren

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 July 2021 2:34 PM
To: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>; Rogers, Nancy (DHS) <Nancy.Rogers@sa.gov.au>; Kleinitz, Catherine (DHS) <Catherine.Kleinitz@sa.gov.au>; Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Issues in Whitmore Square and Community meeting

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Thanks Lauren

I read some of the emails from the residents just now and I would appreciate knowing which services are "providing help" as stated by Tony and what they are providing. I think we need to consider how to intervene in any service models that are embedding the current problem (without jeopardising safety).

Regards
 Lois

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I recognise I live and work on Kurna country. I pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. I acknowledge the long history and enduring connection Aboriginal people have with this land.

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Curnow, Fiona (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 3:22 PM
To: Carn, Scott (DHS); DHS:Community & Family Services
Cc: DHS:CE Office; Reid, Alex (DHS)
Subject: Re: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779
 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

Categories: Filing

Yes leave this one with me

Fiona Curnow

Director | Communities and Justice

Department of Human Services

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I acknowledge Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. I pay my respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to Elders past and present.

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From: Carn, Scott (DHS) <Scott.Carn@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 2:47:31 PM
To: DHS:Community & Family Services <DHSSaferFamilyServices@sa.gov.au>
Cc: DHS:CE Office <DHS.CEOffice@sa.gov.au>; Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Subject: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

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Hi team

I apologise, my computer isnt letting me send emails from the usual DHS:CE office inbox, also we just received this request, I apologise for the tight time frame. Minister's Office would like a brief to Minister Lensink and draft response for the Premier's consideration.

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NEW REQUEST

21MHS/0619

If this request has been incorrectly directed to your division for response, please notify the CE Office mailbox as soon as possible.

Due date to Office of the Chief Executive:	No later than COB <u>09/08/2021</u> If you are unable to meet this due date, please complete the Ministerial Extension Request Template and forward to DHS:CE Office as early as possible
Action required:	Brief + draft response for the Ministers consideration
Special instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See correspondence attached• Please ensure you indicate whether the brief has media interest upon submission to the CE office.• As per note from Minister's Office: briefing for the Minister's consideration; draft response for the Premier's consideration

All relevant templates can be located on the Ministerial, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive Business page: <https://sagov.sharepoint.com/sites/DCSI/AboutDCSI/Pages/ministerialbusiness.aspx>

Kind Regards,

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 August 2021 3:44 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS); Duval, Scott (SAPOL); MATTHEW NAIRN; Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR)
Cc: Curnow, Fiona (DHS); Reid, Alex (DHS); Rick Hutchins
Subject: RE: Community Meeting - Whitmore Square

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Hi Lois

Sorry for the delay in this response – I needed to get confirmation from our compliance areas.

No, they aren't allowed to drive cars onto the park, but the reason they would have not been pulled up on this before is we have Parking and Information Officers on over the weekend, who would ordinarily monitor, but it is likely they would have thought it was an organised event with a permit, so haven't taken any action. Many of us were unaware this activity was taking place for some time. The reason we took steps to establish the permit with them was to clear up what they can and can't do as an organised activity on the Park Lands.

The permit conversation took place a couple of weeks ago, but Casey from Community Union Defence League reached out to the Permits team again today to clarify some conditions and requirements of the permit. I understand that they have agreed to submit the required information to obtain a permit, but maybe not before the original deadline of this Friday that we gave them.

The permit is being facilitated under s222 of the Local Government Act. This requires a permit to be obtained from Council when using the public space for business purposes, even when the business is not for profit.

I think that if the Taskforce makes a recommendation that the Council consider limiting or prohibiting the activity of providing free food for charity in public spaces, we would consider how this can be applied and enforced. I'd have to get some further advice, but might require some level of engagement with Elected Members. I can keep discussing this with the Taskforce as the Cabinet Submission is prepared.

Lauren

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2021 11:09 AM
To: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>; Duval, Scott (SAPOL) <Scott.Duval@police.sa.gov.au>; MATTHEW NAIRN <Matthew.Nairn@police.sa.gov.au>; Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR) <Craig.Macauley@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Community Meeting - Whitmore Square

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Thanks Lauren

Can you please advise:

- Are they allowed to drive cars onto the park?
- When did you have the permit conversation with this group and what laws/by-laws are relevant?
- If the Taskforce is of the view that these activities are unhelpful – what would council do?

Lois

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From: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 3 August 2021 10:49 AM

To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>; Duval, Scott (SAPOL) <Scott.Duval@police.sa.gov.au>; MATTHEW NAIRN <Matthew.Nairn@police.sa.gov.au>; Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR) <Craig.Macauley@sa.gov.au>

Cc: Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Community Meeting - Whitmore Square

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Hi Lois,

We previously didn't have a permit system for the provision of free food and have established a process to regulate it better. The Communist party were contacted by our permits team and advised they would need to fill out paperwork and provide details so we can manage the activity and put some conditions around it. My understanding was that this conversation went well and they have until this Friday to complete their paperwork, but haven't done so as yet.

They were also advised that shortly some major works were commencing in Whitmore Square (I will send that information through separately) that would impact on their operation and we could work with them to see if another location would be better suited. We also haven't had a response on that.

The permit will continue to chase up and work with them, but eventually it is going to be difficult for them to operate when there is some construction going on.

Lauren

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 2 August 2021 4:27 PM

To: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>; Duval, Scott (SAPOL) <Scott.Duval@police.sa.gov.au>; MATTHEW NAIRN <Matthew.Nairn@police.sa.gov.au>; Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR) <Craig.Macauley@sa.gov.au>

Cc: Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Community Meeting - Whitmore Square

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Thanks Lauren

On another note, I spoke to the Communist Party group that were running a soup kitchen in the square yesterday and expressed my concern that they were one the square with multiple cars and a tent and no permits for this activity and that their well meant approach was potentially have adverse consequences.

In the end I said that we would try to contact Bob Britton who seemed to be in charge for further conversations (I believe this is one of the groups Craig was planning to talk to – and he might be more diplomatic than I was 😊).

However, I would also like to understand whether they need permits to be driving onto the square and distributing food from a marquee – what is the position of Council?

Lois

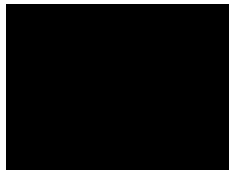
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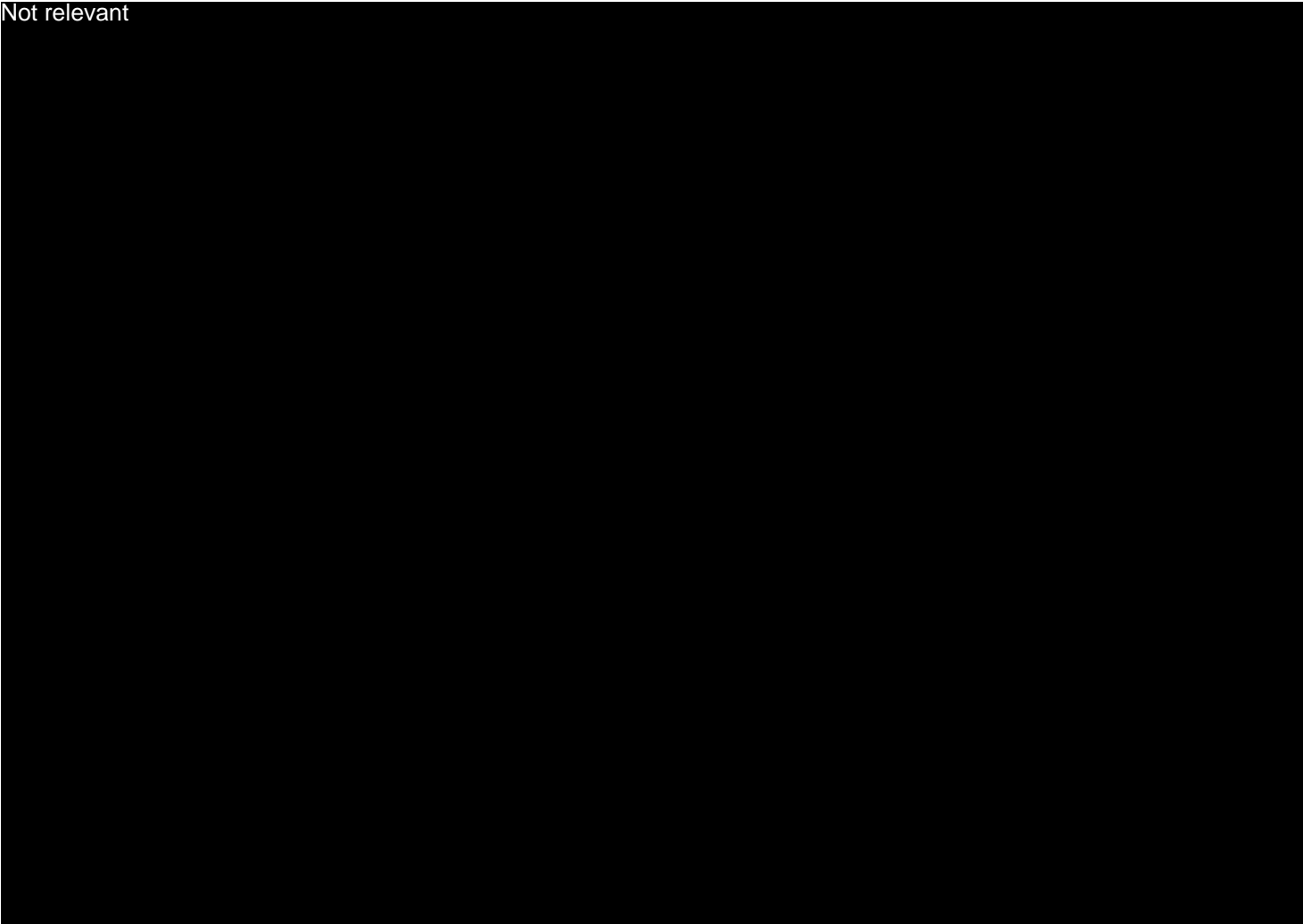
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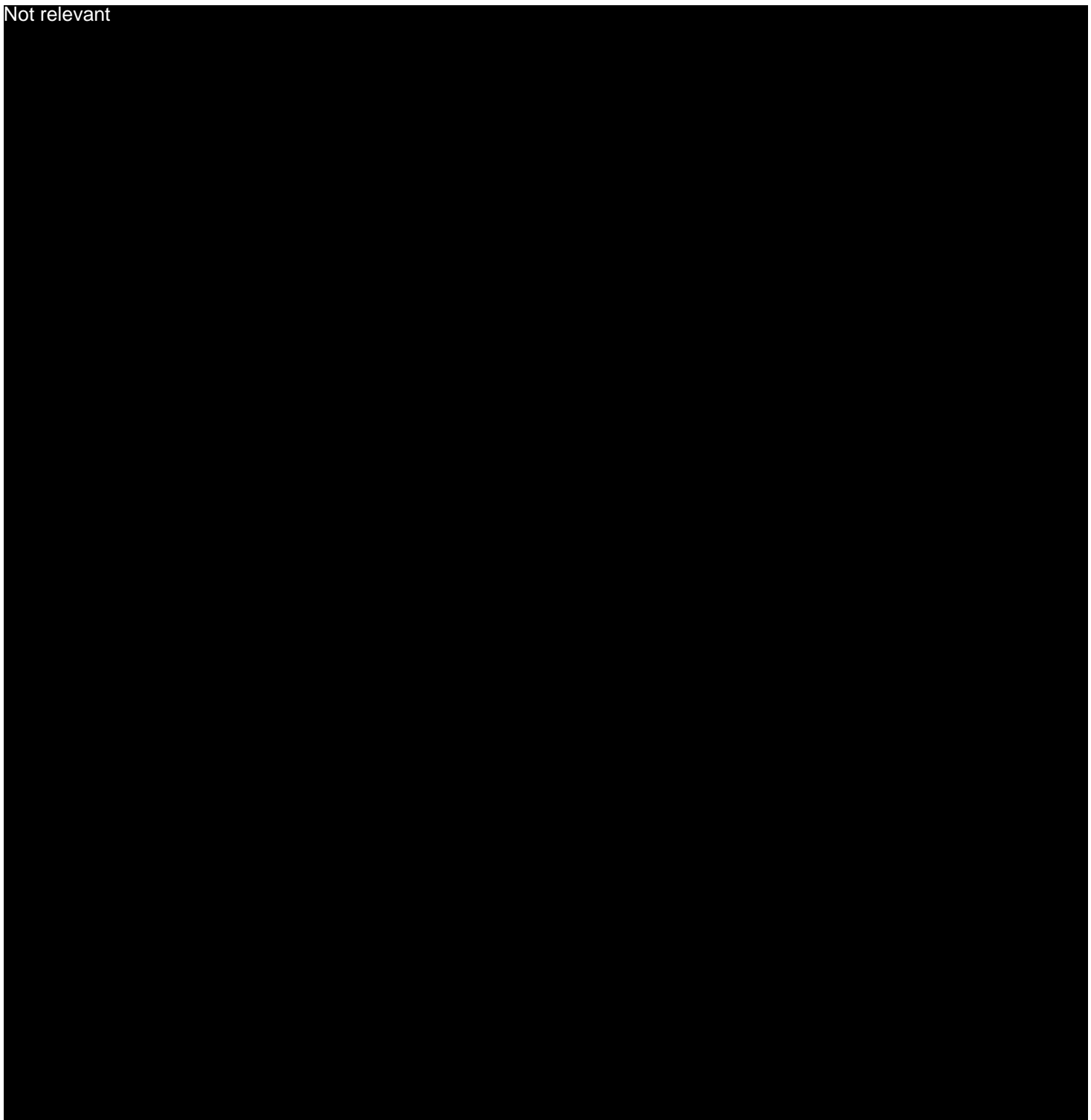


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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: DHS:CE Office
Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 1:51 PM
To: DHS:Community & Family Services
Cc: DHS:CE Office
Subject: FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - 21MHS/0619 - Letter from Steve Georganas MP on behalf of Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square
Attachments: Ms Casey McEwan: Representation from Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide
Importance: High

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Good afternoon,

Please see the additional correspondence received regarding 21MHS/0619 - Letter from Steve Georganas MP on behalf of Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square or also known as 21MHS/0619 - Due 09/08 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square.

Regards,

Brett Halsey

Briefings Officer

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Tieri, Elena (S. Georganas, MP) <Elena.Tieri@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 6 August 2021 2:51 PM
To: DHS:Minister for Human Services
Subject: Ms Casey McEwan: Representation from Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide
Attachments: Rep for McEwan, Casey.pdf

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Dear Minister,

Please find attached a letter from Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Adelaide, on behalf of Ms Casey McEwan and the street kitchen in Whitmore Square.

Regards

Elena Tieri

Office of Steve Georganas MP | Federal Member for Adelaide
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Steve Georganas MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ADELAIDE

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Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion
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Dear Minister

I write on behalf of Ms Casey McEwan and the volunteers of the street kitchen in Whitmore Square, Adelaide, which operates between 11:30am and 1:30pm every Sunday, and provides free food and clothing to the homeless and disadvantaged.

I am informed that the volunteers of the street kitchen in Whitmore Square were approached by representatives from the Department of Human Services; the Adelaide City Council; and SAPOL, to stop the street kitchen from operating in Whitmore Square.

Ms McEwan states that the Council has since mandated a Food Vendors Permit, which is both costly and a time-consuming process for a non-for-profit service. Accordingly, Ms McEwan questions the directive believing it is *discriminatory* and unprincipled.

Given the number of people currently requiring urgent and necessary support as they struggle through our economic crisis, the obstruction of a service providing essential care for those less fortunate is reprehensible.

I respectfully ask that you support the street kitchen in Whitmore Square so that it can continue providing consistent support for those less fortunate in our community.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide
5 August 2021

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 4:00 PM
To: MATTHEW NAIRN; Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent meeting Required

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Yes, I think so. I'm navigating some other issues with them and request for permits, so it's a bit messy. But once we are clear on who it is we can work through it.

Lauren

From: Nairn, Matthew (SAPOL) <Matthew.Nairn@police.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 3:56 PM
To: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>; Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR) <Craig.Macauley@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent meeting Required

Lauren

As discussed last week this may include vehicles driven by ACS or other new Alliance services?

Superintendent Matt Nairn

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From: Lauren Grant [<mailto:L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>]
Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 3:54 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)

Cc: Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR); Nairn, Matthew (SAPOL)

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Urgent meeting Required

Hi Lois,

See Tony's email below regarding the activity in the Square over the weekend.

I will arrange for our compliance teams to monitor the square this weekend and take any necessary action, or if needed I'll work out a future plan to address the issue with them.

We will need to determine who the cars belong to before assuming they are all associated with the Communist Party.

Cheers,
Lauren

Lauren Grant

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From: Tony Straccia <tony@indigenu.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 8:42 AM

To: Nairn, Matthew (SAPOL) <Matthew.Nairn@police.sa.gov.au>

Cc: Lauren Grant <L.Grant@cityofadelaide.com.au>; Macauley, Craig (DPC-AAR) <Craig.Macauley@sa.gov.au>

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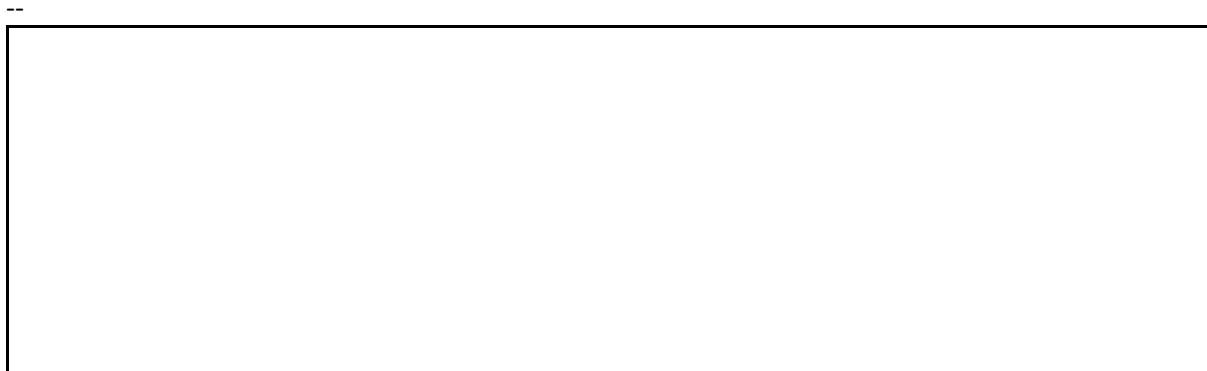
Good morning - please note that over 50 homeless received some service at Whitmore Square on Sunday around lunch time. As a result 6 cars were moving through the square and provided risk to our children and pets. Could this group be advised to take their services to West Terrace.

Thank you

Tony



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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: DHS:CE Office
Sent: Wednesday, 11 August 2021 1:59 PM
To: DHS:Community & Family Services
Cc: DHS:CE Office
Subject: RE: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

Categories: Filing

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Hi Dan,

The response for 21MHS/0619 will still go through the normal process, so once it is ready please forward the response through to the OCE inbox and we will process it.

Thank you.
Regards,

Brett Halsey
Briefings Officer
Office of the Chief Executive and Governance | Executive Services |
Department of Human Services | Government of South Australia

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From: DHS:Community & Family Services <DHSSaferFamilyServices@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 August 2021 1:33 PM
To: DHS:CE Office <DHS.CEOffice@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

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Hi

Could you please advise on the protocol for this request? As the complaint relates to the CE, does that mean it should go from the Executive Director straight to the Mins office?

Dan

From: Craker, Daniel (DHS)

Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2021 11:18 AM

To: DHS:CE Office <DHS.CEOoffice@sa.gov.au>

Subject: FW: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

OFFICIAL

Hi

As per the below, can you please check on the protocol around this one?

Thanks

Dan

From: Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2021 11:16 AM

To: Craker, Daniel (DHS) <Daniel.Craker@sa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

Thanks Dan – can you please check on the protocol for this one – as the complaint relates to Lois I am assuming that this one will go from the Executive Director straight to the Mins office?

Fiona Curnow

Director | Communities and Justice

Department of Human Services

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From: Craker, Daniel (DHS) <Daniel.Craker@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2021 10:57 AM

To: Curnow, Fiona (DHS) <Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au>

Subject: NEW REQUEST - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

Importance: High

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Hi Fiona

Could you please provide a briefing (to the Minister) and draft response (from the Premier) to this mailbox prior to COB Friday 6 August 2021?

Thanks

Dan

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Reid, Alex (DHS)
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2021 8:43 AM
To: Hall, Alexandra (DHS)
Subject: Aust Communist Party briefing etc

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Hi Alex

I'll finalise this today. Can you have a look back and confirm for me that we only need a briefing to our Minister and not one for her to send onto the Premier ie she's only sending on the response to the Premier? Seems a bit odd they're not briefing him but sometimes that's what they want.

Cheers

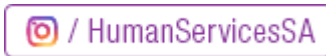
Alex Reid

Acting Executive Director, Community and Family Services
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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2021 10:38 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: Re: Whitmore Square and DHS

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Will let Jack know.

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From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 10:10:03 AM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Whitmore Square and DHS
 That response looks fine to me

Lois Boswell**Chief Executive**

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On 13 Aug 2021, at 9:39 am, Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au> wrote:

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Morning

Jack from ACC's response to Stacey Lee is below – very innocuous. Are you ok for me to say we have no problem with the response?

Interesting the reporter hasn't mentioned Communist Party in her questions.

No questions to us as yet – and it's a guess as to whether she knows of your involvement in this (or does she know about your direct approach to the Communists?).

Let me know your thoughts, but I don't think this is a time to be proactive and reach out to Stacey Lee.

Cheers

Shelaye

Hi Shelaye,

I'm about to go into a meeting so will give you a call afterwards but effectively Stacey Lee wanted to know two things

1. Is the group in the process of getting a Mobile Food Vendors permit?
2. Are vendors being redirected away from Whitmore Square?

I told her over the phone, yes the group is working with City of Adelaide (albeit slowly) to get a permit.

And if it's ok with your department we will send her this very brief statement about Whitmore Square

"We are working collaboratively with multiple agencies and with the vendors who provide services to those in need across the city to find appropriate locations to deliver their services."

Thanks

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 12 August 2021 5:36 PM

To: Jack Berketa <J.Berketa@cityofadelaide.com.au>

Subject: Whitmore Square and DHS

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Hi Jack

My CE Lois Boswell has asked that I contact you re any media issues that may arise about Whitmore Square and the Communist Party dealing out soup to the homeless.

Hope this makes sense and you are across this issue?

Could you pls call me to discuss?

Many thanks

Shelaye Boothey

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Craker, Daniel (DHS)
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2021 12:14 PM
To: DHS:CE Office
Subject: MINISTERIAL FOR ACTION - 21MHS/0619 - Due to OCE: 09/08/2021
Attachments: 21MHS_0619 - DHS draft briefing.doc; 21MHS_0619 - attachment 1 - draft response - Premier.docx; 21MHS_0619 - attachment 2 - draft response - Georganos.docx; RE: URGENT MINISTERIAL FOR ACTION - 21MHS/0619 - Due to OCE: 09/08/2021

Importance: High

Categories: Brett

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Briefing number:	Electronic approvals attached:	
21MHS/0619	1. <i>A/Executive Director, (Alex Reid, Community & Family Services)</i>	
	<u>DUE DATE CE OFFICE</u> <u>09/08/2021</u>	<u>CRITICAL DATE</u> <u>//</u>
MEDIA INTEREST? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		

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21MHS/0619



Government of South Australia

Department of Human Services

TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: STREET KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN IVARITJI (WHITMORE SQUARE)

Decision/action required by:...../...../.....

Reason:.....

Recommendation	Response
1. That you approve the attached draft response for the Premier's consideration.	Approved / Not Approved / Noted
2. That you approve the attached draft response to Steve Georganas MP.	Approved / Not Approved / Noted

<p>Comments:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</p> <p>/ / 2021</p>
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PURPOSE

To provide a draft response for the Premier to Casey McEwan, Adelaide Secretary, Australian Communist Party, in relation to an interaction with a Department of Human Services (DHS) official regarding their street kitchen operating at Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).

KEY POINTS

- The Premier received correspondence from Ms Casey McEwan, Australian Communist Party (ACP) alleging a DHS representative requested that the ACP cease operating their street kitchen in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).
- A further letter was received from Steve Georganas MP, on behalf of Ms McEwan and the volunteers of the street kitchen.
- The ACP stated that they have been asked to stop providing free food and clothing to the homeless and other disadvantaged people.

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- The Chief Executive DHS Chairs the Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce (the Taskforce) established to address concerns of public drinking and anti-social and unsafe behaviour in the parklands.
- The Taskforce has received feedback from Whitmore Square residents and elders concerned about public health, amenity and food and other wastage arising from the unregulated provision of food and clothing in isolation of other coordinated support services.
- In addition, residents have raised matters associated with vehicles driving across the square without proper traffic management or appropriate permits.
- In this capacity, the Chief Executive approached the group on Sunday 1 August 2021 in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square) to discuss concerns about the welfare responses being provided by groups such as the ACP.
- In addition, it is understood that the ACP have been operating the street kitchen without the relevant and necessary permit from the Adelaide City Council and the Chief Executive sought to confirm this and clarify the group's responsibilities in this regard.
- The Chief Executive also indicated that the Taskforce was keen to discuss the matter in more detail and that a representative from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation division would be in contact to facilitate these discussions.
- The Communist Party are encouraged to work with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, a consortium of services led by Lutheran Care, that work with people experiencing homelessness or requiring other services.

RISKS/SENSITIVITIES

As the complaint relates to the Chief Executive, this briefing has been signed by the Executive Director, Community and Family Services.

DISCUSSION

Originally founded on 30 October 1920, the ACP was re-established in its current incarnation on 28 June 2019 and advocates for a socialist Australia.

In an email to the Premier on 2 August 2021, Ms Casey McEwan, Adelaide Secretary of the ACP, stated that a representative of DHS approached the street kitchen and requested that the kitchen cease the distribution of free food and clothing to the homeless and other disadvantaged people.

The Chief Executive, DHS Chairs the Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address concerns of public drinking and anti-social and unsafe behaviour in the parklands. The Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce consists of state and local government senior staff, including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, and is working to address the social and public safety issues linked to chronic public alcohol consumption and rough sleeping by people, particularly in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square). DHS, SAPOL and Adelaide City Council have been meeting with concerned residents around Ivaritji as the situation has seriously deteriorated.

The department recognises that, while well meaning, the provision of informal welfare responses are short term solutions that are not addressing the root causes of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in public spaces.

The Communist Party are encouraged to work with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness and requiring other services.

MEDIA INTEREST

It is understood that the ABC has recently contacted Adelaide City Council regarding mobile food vendor permits. To date, there has been no direct media contact to DHS.

BUDGET

Are there financial considerations No

Division	Community and Family Services		
Director Communities and Justice	Fiona Curnow/...../.....
		signature	
A/Executive Director	Alex Reid/...../.....
		signature	

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft response on behalf of the Premier
2. Draft response to Steve Georganas MP

Contact Officer:	Fiona Curnow, Director, Communities and Justice Clause 6(1) / Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au
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B1107779

Ms Casey McEwan
Adelaide Secretary
Australian Communist Party
PO Box 612
PORT ADELAIDE SA 5015

Dear Ms McEwan,

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2021 regarding the Australian Communist Party street kitchen at Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).

I appreciate your concern for the vulnerable people to whom you have been providing food and clothing and I assure you that my government is working closely to provide support to this group and other people experiencing homelessness.

I am advised that the Department of Human Services has been leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address concerns of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in the parklands, including working with specialist and culturally appropriate services.

The Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce consists of state and local government senior staff, including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

I encourage you to connect with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, led by Lutheran Care, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness. Lutheran Care can be contacted on 1800 0809 272 or by visiting their website: <https://www.lccare.org.au/toward-home/>

For further information, you can also contact Fiona Curnow, Director Communities and Justice at the Department of Human Services at Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Hon Steven Marshall MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Date (date/08/2021)

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21MHS/619

Mr Steve Georganas MP
161 Main North Road
NAILSWORTH SA 5083

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 August 2021 regarding the Australian Communist Party street kitchen in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).

I appreciate the concerns of your constituent for people sleeping rough in parkland areas.

I can advise you that the Department of Human Services has been leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address concerns of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in the parklands, including working with specialist and culturally appropriate services.

The Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce consists of state and local government senior staff, including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

I encourage your constituent to connect with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, led by Lutheran Care, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness. Lutheran Care can be contacted on 1800 0809 272 or by visiting their website: <https://www.lccare.org.au/toward-home/>

For further information, you can also contact Fiona Curnow, Director Communities and Justice, Department of Human Services, at Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

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Dear Daniel (and Shelaye fyi)

Please find attached the approved briefings and draft correspondence. There have been a significant number of changes – could you please proof for layout and formatting.

Regards

Alex Reid

Acting Executive Director, Community and Family Services

Department of Human Services

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Sent: Thursday, 12 August 2021 1:40 PM
To: Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Subject: URGENT MINISTERIAL FOR ACTION - 21MHS/0619 - Due to OCE: 09/08/2021

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For your review/approval.

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2021 4:19 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: FW: Questions - STACEY LEE - ABC - WHITMORE SQUARE

Importance: High

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Hi

We've got some time to deal with this. Some interesting questions – and some of them I need more context to.

Stacey makes no mention of your offer to address the wider issue and line up other talent, including indigenous elders. She does raise the conflict of interest issue again.

Couple of options:

Continue to offer up other additional talent ie relevant elders

Give a short statement that you spoke to the group in the capacity of Chair of the Safety and Wellbeing taskforce.

Explain the remit of the Taskforce.

Don't respond to a he said/she said proposition.

Your initial thoughts?

Thanks Shelaye

From: Stacey Lee <Lee.Stacey@abc.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2021 3:09 PM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Questions

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Hi Shelaye,

Thanks for the chat on Friday. Here are the questions I have for Lois Boswell.

As we discussed, an on-camera interview would be preferable but if that request is denied these are the questions I'd be seeking responses to:

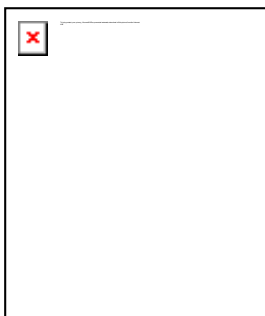
- Why did you approach the soup kitchen at Whitmore Square?
- Did you say you were there on behalf of the Premier?
- Were you there in a personal or professional capacity?
- What was the nature of the visit – did you always intend on going down or did you walk past in your capacity as a local resident?

- Did you tell the attendees at the street kitchen you were a socialist?
- Why was your husband there with you?
- Was Don holding a folder with an official SA Government logo on it?
- Are you seeking to shut down the street kitchen?
- Did you tell them you would do everything in your power to ensure they don't operate on Whitmore Square anymore?
- Do you see your visit as a conflict of interest, given you own a share in Sparkke?
- When we chatted on the phone on Friday August 13, you mentioned you are involved a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce – which taskforce is that and do you have any more info on it?
- Why did you approach them and not another member of the taskforce?
- Was this approach discussed at the taskforce and did all members agree a Sunday visit was the best way to go about it?

The deadline for a response is Wednesday midday.

Thanks,

Stacey



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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Reade, Nick (DPC)
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2021 7:50 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Ranieri, Erma (OCPSE); Reid, Alex (DHS); Saunders, Nerida (DPC-AAR)
Subject: Re: Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce

Hi Lois

Thx for the update and yes let's have a discussion at Thriving this week. I am comfortable if you feel that you need to step down although as we know you a genuinely trying to help here.

Nick

Nick Reade
Chief Executive
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
SA Government

On 16 Aug 2021, at 7:33 am, Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Nick

As you know I have been chairing this Taskforce regarding concerns raised by the Lord Mayor about remote visitors who are sleeping rough in parklands. This group was appointed by Cabinet on the recommendation of the CEC and includes a number of departments, the Adelaide City Council and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council.

Over the last few months we have been analysing this very complex problem and have started to have some success by working with all Taskforce members, various NGO services and Aboriginal Communities. During Lockdown we ran some intensive and innovative interventions which were successful in arranging for some people to return home after many months.

However, there is a lot still to do and it will take time and resources. The health and safety issues that have been raised by Adelaide City Council are significant for the community but very severe for these visitors. Recently a young man died in the south city parklands. He is associated with a group who frequent Whitmore Square.

We have now had some excellent conversations with elders and we're in discussions to engage aboriginal people to work with us and communicate with these groups in their languages to find what they need and how we can assist to break what is a very harmful alcohol abuse cycle.

The situation in Whitmore square is now the most complex and involves considerable concern about the volatility from police and neighbours. The taskforce has been discussing how the service models that we have around the area which have been there for many years may be serving to entrenched some problems.

A couple of weeks ago I spoke to a group related to the Communist party who had a marquee on the Square and were handing out food and goods. I advised them that we were concerned about their approach and that someone from Aboriginal Affairs would be in touch to these discuss concerns. I also told them that I understood that they were required to have a permit from council and I would speak to Council about this.

Unbeknown to me it would appear that last week council refused to provide the permit to conduct this soup kitchen at Whitmore square. I am told they have been advised they should go to a different area.

As a result of this I was contacted on Friday afternoon by ABC TV who have been told that I am attempting to evict them from Whitmore square because I am a neighbour and a Director of Sparkke at the Whitmore.

This is most certainly not my intent or motivation, I actually believe we are starting to get to the point where we can do some very good work here to assist some people trapped in an horrendous cycle and I do not want to undermine that work in any way.

I should say that to the best of my knowledge any issues in the Square have never been raised as a business concern by Sparkke. To the contrary I was told on the weekend that Sparrke provides food to the charities around the square and has always had an eye to responsible alcohol sales in this area.

However, given this has been raised as a perceived conflict, I propose that I step down as Chair of the Taskforce and appoint Alex Reid who is our Executive Director of Community and Family Services to take my spot. This work is very important and undoubtedly any actions taken, or not taken, by the Taskforce will be controversial in such a complex space.

I would also like to provide an update on the Taskforce to date to the Thriving SA Council this week as part of this handover.

I would be keen to discuss this with you when you have a chance.

Regards
Lois

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 8:15 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: fyi - all emails to Stacey

From: Jack Berketa <J.Berketa@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 August 2021 12:47 PM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: emails

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FYI – below are the emails we have sent to their admin from earlier this month
 Thanks

From: Maria Kulikowski <M.Kulikowski@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Subject: Community Union Defence League - Permit Follow up
Date: 11 August 2021 at 1:23:41 pm ACST
To: Clause 6(1)

Good Afternoon Robert

I hope this email finds you well.

I am following up on the email sent to you last month (a copy of which can be found below) and a chat I had with Casey last week in regards to the permit process.

Casey and I discussed the need for public liability insurance and I wanted to confirm that we can (on a case by case basis) accept lower levels of public liability insurance. If you have any type of insurance cover in place, please forward a copy of the certificate to us with a permit application and we will assess it from there.

One key point I'd like to add about the MFV permits for groups servicing the community is that there is no fee involved.

Do you have any upcoming activities planned to service the community in a public area? If so, please submit a permit application as soon as possible so that we can work with you to setup a permit in a suitable location before the proposed date.

Please be reminded that under section 222 of the Local Government Act and Roads By-Law 2018, you must hold a Council permit before conducting an activity such as servicing the community on Council land. If you conduct an activity in a public area without a permit, a Council Officer may approach you to discuss the activity and advise you of possible enforcement action that can be taken in future.

As you have been advised, Whitmore Square can no longer be used as a location for servicing the community until further notice. SA Police have suggested West Terrace as a suitable location to relocate to. If you would like to discuss your operations and alternative locations, please contact Viviana our project officer on 8203 7113 for advice.

If you have any questions regarding the permit or application process please feel free to contact us at permits@cityofadelaide.com.au or phone 8203 7203.

Kind regards

Maria Kulikowski

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From: Maria Kulikowski

Sent: Monday, 19 July 2021 1:42 PM

To: Clause 6(1)

Subject: Community Union Defence League - Mobile food vending permit information for not for profit organisations

Good Afternoon Robert

Thank you for taking the time to speak with Tony a little while back in regards to your not-for-profit activities within the City of Adelaide.

As discussed, organisations that provide food to the homeless and vulnerable are required to hold a mobile food vending (MFV) permit issued by the City of Adelaide (this is requirement under section 222 of the Local Government Act and the Roads By-Law 2018).

To qualify for a permit you must demonstrate that you provide a pathway to a specialist homelessness support service. For more information on the services available in the City of Adelaide please visit [SA Homelessness Alliance](#).

You can apply for a MFV permit online [here](#) by providing the following:

- Details of the homelessness support service you connect people with.

- A Certificate of Currency with a minimum public liability cover of \$20 million and noting The City of Adelaide as an interested party.
- A copy of your Food Business Notification with the local Council where your vehicle is housed, or where the majority of the food preparation and food handling occurs.
- Written proof of notification of your trade waste disposal agreement with your local council or SA Water.
- A photo of your vehicle set-up (or designs showing how it will look).

Please submit an application by Friday 6 August 2021.

By holding a current permit, the City of Adelaide will be able to contact you to advise of any upcoming works or activities that will impact the use of certain areas. Whitmore Square is one such area that currently, due to both scheduled works and other activities, cannot be used until further notice.

Once you have been issued a MFV permit, you will also have the flexibility to use other locations within the City of Adelaide. Further details regarding suitable locations can be found on our [website](#).

If you would like to discuss the services for homeless and vulnerable people please contact our project officer on 8203 7113.

For any questions regarding the application process please email permits@cityofadelaide.com.au or phone 8203 7564.

Kind regards

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: DHS:CE Office
Sent: Tuesday, 17 August 2021 4:59 PM
To: DHS:Community & Family Services
Cc: DHS:CE Office
Subject: SIGNED RETURN - 21MHS/0619 - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square
Attachments: 21MHS_0619 - Minister Signed Briefing - Draft Reply Due for Premier's Consideration - PREM - B1107779 - Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square.pdf; 21MHS_0619 - Minister Signed Response - Steve Georganas MP.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached the signed briefing and response from the Minister for your records. Please note that the response was emailed by the Minister's Office on the 17/08/2021.

Regards,

Brett Halsey
Briefings Officer

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Department of Human Services | Government of South Australia

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21MHS/0619




Government of South Australia
Department of Human Services

TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: STREET KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN IVARITJI (WHITMORE SQUARE)

Decision/action required by:...../...../.....
Reason:.....

Recommendation	Response
1. That you approve the attached draft response for the Premier's consideration.	Approved / Not Approved / Noted
2. That you approve the attached draft response to Steve Georganas MP.	Approved / Not Approved / Noted

<p>Comments:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	 ----- Hon Michelle Lensink MLC 17/8/2021
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PURPOSE

To provide a draft response for the Premier to Casey McEwan, Adelaide Secretary, Australian Communist Party, in relation to an interaction with a Department of Human Services (DHS) official regarding their street kitchen operating at Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).

KEY POINTS

- The Premier received correspondence from Ms Casey McEwan, Australian Communist Party (ACP) alleging a DHS representative requested that the ACP cease operating their street kitchen in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).
- A further letter was received from Steve Georganas MP, on behalf of Ms McEwan and the volunteers of the street kitchen.
- The ACP stated that they have been asked to stop providing free food and clothing to the homeless and other disadvantaged people.
- The Chief Executive DHS chairs the Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce (the Taskforce) established to address concerns of public drinking and anti-social and unsafe behaviour in the parklands.

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- The Taskforce has received feedback from Whitmore Square residents and elders concerned about public health, amenity and food and other wastage arising from the unregulated provision of food and clothing in isolation of other coordinated support services.
- In addition, residents have raised matters associated with vehicles driving across the square without proper traffic management or appropriate permits.
- In this capacity, the Chief Executive approached the group on Sunday 1 August 2021 in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square) to discuss concerns about the welfare responses being provided by groups such as the ACP.
- In addition, it is understood that the ACP have been operating the street kitchen without the relevant and necessary permit from the Adelaide City Council and the Chief Executive sought to confirm this and clarify the group's responsibilities in this regard.
- The Chief Executive also indicated that the Taskforce was keen to discuss the matter in more detail and that a representative from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation division would be in contact to facilitate these discussions.
- The Communist Party are encouraged to work with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, a consortium of services led by Lutheran Care, that work with people experiencing homelessness or requiring other services.

RISKS/SENSITIVITIES

As the complaint relates to the Chief Executive, this briefing has been signed by the Executive Director, Community and Family Services.

DISCUSSION

Originally founded on 30 October 1920, the ACP was re-established in its current incarnation on 28 June 2019 and advocates for a socialist Australia.

In an email to the Premier on 2 August 2021, Ms Casey McEwan, Adelaide Secretary of the ACP, stated that a representative of DHS approached the street kitchen and requested that the kitchen cease the distribution of free food and clothing to the homeless and other disadvantaged people.

The Taskforce consists of state and local government senior staff, including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, and is working to address the social and public safety issues linked to chronic public alcohol consumption and rough sleeping by people, particularly in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square). DHS, SAPOL and Adelaide City Council have been meeting with concerned residents around Ivaritji as the situation has seriously deteriorated.

The department recognises that, while well meaning, the provision of informal welfare responses are short term solutions that are not addressing the root causes of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in public spaces.

The Communist Party are encouraged to work with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness and requiring other services.

Media Interest

It is understood that the ABC has recently contacted Adelaide City Council regarding mobile food vendor permits. To date, there has been no direct media contact to DHS.

BUDGET

Are there financial considerations No

Division	Community and Family Services		
A/Executive Director	Alex Reid	Approved via email <i>signature</i>	13/08/2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft response on behalf of the Premier.
2. Draft response to Steve Georganas MP.

Contact Officer:	Fiona Curnow, Director, Communities and Justice Clause 6(1) / Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au
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Mr Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide
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Dear Mr Georganas, *Steve*

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Ms Casey McEwan and the volunteers of the street kitchen in Ivaritji (Whitmore Square).

I note the feedback from Ms McEwan regarding people sleeping rough in parkland areas.

The Department of Human Services has been leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address concerns of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in the parklands, including working with specialist and culturally appropriate services.

The Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce consists of state and local government senior staff, including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. Further information can be obtained from Fiona Curnow, Director Communities and Justice within the Department of Human Services, at Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au.

Ms McEwan may wish to connect with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, led by Lutheran Care, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness. Lutheran Care can be contacted on 1800 0809 272 or by visiting their website: <https://www.lccare.org.au/toward-home/>

Yours sincerely

Michelle Lensink

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

17/8/2021

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, 17 August 2021 6:19 PM
To: Rogers, Nancy (DHS); Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: Stacey Lee - draft response

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Hi Nancy

Draft response to questions below:

Talk to you at 9am.

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Of note, work on the redevelopment of Whitmore Square is now underway following two years of consultation. It may be inappropriate for groups to continue delivering services while this is happening.

Stacey we would be happy to work with you on a story about the Taskforce.

Roles and Responsibilities of Taskforce

The SMC Working Group will:

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Thanks Shelaye

From: Stacey Lee <Lee.Stacey@abc.net.au>

Sent: Monday, 16 August 2021 3:09 PM

To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>

Subject: Questions

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Hi Shelaye,

Thanks for the chat on Friday. Here are the questions I have for Lois Boswell.

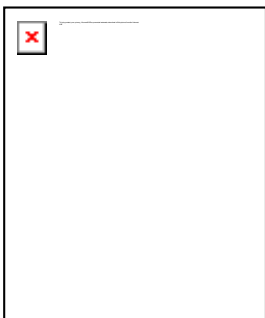
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The deadline for a response is Wednesday midday.

Thanks,

Stacey



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Sent: Tuesday, 17 August 2021 9:48 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS); Rogers, Nancy (DHS)
Subject: Re: Stacey Lee - draft response

Thanks. Get the flavour of where you want to head with this. Will just need a trim.

Nancy and I will revert back to you after we discuss at 9am tomorrow.

Cheers Shelaye

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From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:35:58 PM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>; Rogers, Nancy (DHS) <Nancy.Rogers@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Stacey Lee - draft response

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Some thought from me in red below – I know it is too long but I'm trying to get the flavour first

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This needs to come from Dale

Elders are very concerned about people being caught in cycles of severe alcohol consumption in these times and being unable to return to country during COVID for various reasons.

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The taskforce had discussed that some traditional services may not be assisting people out of this complex problem and an officer from Aboriginal Affairs had been assigned to try to speak to each of the groups that are not part of the funded service system to discuss concerns. The taskforce is in the process of identifying and contacting these groups

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The next day Council advised me that they were already working with this group about getting a permit.

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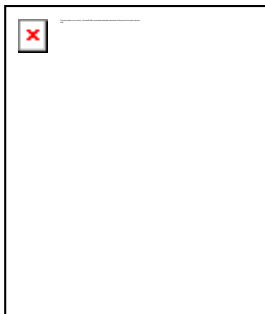
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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 1:18 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: can you live with this

OFFICIAL**Background:**

The Wellbeing and Safety Taskforce was established by the Chief Executive Council following direction of Cabinet.

Its mandate is to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable visitors to Adelaide from remote communities and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The ultimate aim is to keep both visitors and residents safe and facilitate the return to country for those who wish to go home.

The Taskforce includes senior representatives from across State Government – including Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation - and relevant Councils.

The Taskforce is also working with Aboriginal elders from a range of nations, as well as service providers. All are deeply concerned about people caught in cycles of severe alcohol consumption and being unable to return to country for various reasons.

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Of note, Adelaide City Council work is now underway on the redevelopment of Whitmore Square following consultation that occurred over the last few years.

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Response:

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

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Cc: Rogers, Nancy (DHS)
Subject: FW: Stacey Lee - draft response

Importance: High

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Hi Lois

Nancy and I have worked together on the response – we think it is pretty tight and appropriate.

Pls call/text or email when you can.

I've spoken to Stacey and backgrounded her – she told me she doesn't know what line she is taking on the story – and hasn't even started writing it!

She has asked for the TOR for the Taskforce – I don't see a problem with providing them.

Talk soon.

Draft comment:

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From: Stacey Lee <Lee.Stacey@abc.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2021 3:09 PM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Questions

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Hi Shelaye,

Thanks for the chat on Friday. Here are the questions I have for Lois Boswell.

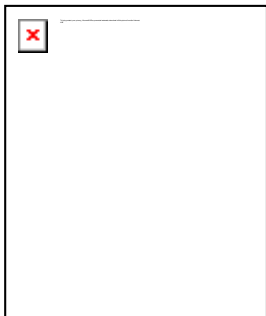
As we discussed, an on-camera interview would be preferable but if that request is denied these are the questions I'd be seeking responses to:

- Why did you approach the soup kitchen at Whitmore Square?
- Did you say you were there on behalf of the Premier?
- Were you there in a personal or professional capacity?
- What was the nature of the visit – did you always intend on going down or did you walk past in your capacity as a local resident?
- Did you tell the attendees at the street kitchen you were a socialist?
- Why was your husband there with you?
- Was Don holding a folder with an official SA Government logo on it?
- Are you seeking to shut down the street kitchen?
- Did you tell them you would do everything in your power to ensure they don't operate on Whitmore Square anymore?
- Do you see your visit as a conflict of interest, given you own a share in Sparkke?
- When we chatted on the phone on Friday August 13, you mentioned you are involved a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce – which taskforce is that and do you have any more info on it?
- Why did you approach them and not another member of the taskforce?
- Was this approach discussed at the taskforce and did all members agree a Sunday visit was the best way to go about it?

The deadline for a response is Wednesday midday.

Thanks,

Stacey



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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 8:27 AM
To: Rogers, Nancy (DHS); Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: Fwd: sentence

Some thought from Dale below on what we could appropriately say about support for the Taskforce from Aboriginal elders.

It's too long but we could paraphrase a sentence or two and go back to Dale to see if it is appropriate.

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I'm just starting from scratch and happy to go back and forth until we have something that feels right. The taskforce has membership from the Division of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, also Aboriginal staff from across government who are representatives of government departments who sit on the taskforce. During the engagement process the Taskforce had engaged an Aboriginal led organisation to speak with people in a culturally appropriate way and provide detailed information and data on the people within Whitmore square. This provided insightful information on the diversity of the group who are meeting at Whitmore Square, who have a variety of presenting issues and social dynamics for the reasons why they find themselves at Whitmore square. The taskforce has spoken to Aboriginal community leaders who have provided feedback to the taskforce on how the group should be provided access to the service sector, and support from the local city council and the NGO sector. All of these services have been engaged through the taskforce and are working through innovative ways to provide the group with a level of support. Recently a coordinated meeting between senior governing nation groups was supported by the taskforce to facilitate a conversation with Aboriginal community leaders. This is a very authentic mechanism to help provide leadership advice directly from the working group to the taskforce. Importantly it has been stated by all members within the Aboriginal working groups that all members of the public have a right to seek services within Whitmore Square, but also that members of the Aboriginal community have an obligation to act and behaviour in a way that represent the cultural protocols of their nation group and the nation group they are visiting and should adhere to elder advice of returning to country when able to take up their place within their community where their individual presence is a critical link to their families and community.

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 Dale

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 1:05 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: this is Kat's preference

OFFICIAL**Response to Stacey Lee questions:**

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Hofman, Laura (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, 22 August 2021 10:45 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Reid, Alex (DHS); Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Subject: Re: Link to ABC video

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Transcript:

Whitmore Square in Adelaide's CBD has long been a safe place for people experiencing homelessness with many services based around that part of the city. But now there's a concerted push to move some of them elsewhere.

A street kitchen run by the Australian Communist Party has been told it's no longer allowed to operate in the square. Party members have complained about a senior public servant who they say has tried to intimidate them but they're not backing down. Here's this week's special report.

For two years, every Sunday, this street kitchen has been offering food to some of Adelaide's homeless.

It started with one table and three men handing out around 30 meals but now it's grown into a much larger operation.

McEwan: "We give out anywhere between 250 to 300 meals a week."

They also supply donated clothes and hygiene packs for those sleeping rough. For many of the volunteers here, it's all part of a higher calling. The kitchen flies under the flag of the Australian Communist Party, run by 17-year-old Casey McEwan.

McEwan: "We have never signed up or actively tried to sign up anybody who's come to the kitchen for the party at all."

Briton: "I always thought of it as part of our political commitment and it's certainly part of the glue for our organisation."

While the food's warmly welcomed by the people the volunteers serve, the kitchen's been controversial with nearby residents and business owners. It doesn't have a permit to operate and council has told the volunteers one won't be approved for Whitmore Square, instead suggesting West Terrace.

Café owner Harris: "I think it's a positive thing to move it as long as they're still offering the service and the parklands are a really open, peaceful space so I think, you know, the more space people have, the better."

Whitmore Square is undergoing gentrification with the council and state government funding a \$900,000 redevelopment.

Resident Straccia: "The other day, a lady from the council came here to talk about the beautification of the square and my response to her was 'You can't put lipstick on a pig'."

Tony Straccia says it's becoming increasingly difficult to live and own a business on the square.

"I experience waking up every morning to some form of surprise, whether it be people sleeping in the foyer of my building, whether it be plants being damaged, whether it be defecation, you know, on my footpath."

In recent weeks the soup kitchen has been visited by police and council officials, who told the volunteers they need a permit to operate. Then came a visit earlier this month from a government official.

Briton: "She's identified herself as Lois. She said that she was from the Department of Human Services."

Communist Party founder Bob Briton said she voiced her concerns.

Briton: "Well you are creating a problem and I'll be using the resources at my disposal to make sure that you don't come back next week. It was a fairly tense, not very pleasant exchange."

Only later did the volunteers discover that 'Lois' was Lois Boswell, the chief executive of the department.

McEwan: "It feels a bit scary or monolithic if you will for a person in such a high position to come down in person."

The groups says she told them they were creating a dependence amongst the local homeless population.

Briton: "We're there once a week. We can hardly provide a service on which people can depend."

They later wrote a letter of complaint to the Premier.

Ms Boswell told the ABC she made the Sunday afternoon visit in her capacity as the chair of a new taskforce which has been set up to reduce anti-social and sometimes violent behaviour associated with visitors to Adelaide from remote Aboriginal communities. She said she advised the volunteers the taskforce had concerns that some services in the area may not be assisting vulnerable people in the way they were intended to.

Briton: "In the end I did feel it was an effort to intimidate us so we don't come back the following week."

The Communists have also questioned whether Ms Boswell has a conflict of interest, pointing out she lives nearby and owns a share in a pub on the square which prides itself on its dedication to social causes.

McEwan: "I think that there would be a great conflict of interest, definitely."

Briton: "Maybe the interests of the pub and the convenience or whatever of the clientele would be better if there weren't gatherings of homeless people there."

Lois Boswell did not respond to the ABC's written questions about whether she has a conflict of interest but in an earlier phone conversation she says her part ownership of the pub has no impact on her roles as head of the taskforce and of the department.

She did say at no stage has either group asked for anyone to be moved by council or SAPOL. Ms Boswell says she did not know the council had advised the group they would need to move until now.

To the volunteers and others, this location makes sense. There's a men's shelter run by Vinnies, the Salvation Army on the corner, St Luke's church here behind me, Anglicare SA is around the corner, and so is BaptistCare, which earlier this year was part of an alliance which won the funding to run the city's homeless services in a major shakeup of the sector.

Sandeman: "This has been the place for homeless people in Adelaide for a long, long time. It's where they feel safe. It's where they come for their services."

Vox pops: "I don't think we should be shunting people off as undesirable. I think we should all inhabit it together."

"How would we feel if we were banished further and further away."

Other pop-up services which also operate on the square say no one's approached them to move locations.

The Communist Street Kitchen plans to dig in its heels...

McEwan: "We would prefer and would definitely defend our wanting to be in Whitmore Square."

... ready to fight for their occupation.

From: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:37 PM

To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>

Cc: Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>; Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>

Subject: Link to ABC video

Whitmore Square story begins at 24:08

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/abc-news-sa/series/0/video/NU2137S034S00>

Thank you,

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, 22 August 2021 11:57 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS); Hofman, Laura (DHS)
Subject: Whitmore Square lines

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Hofman, Laura (DHS)
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 12:06 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS); Stokes, Katrina (DPC)
Cc: Reid, Alex (DHS); Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Subject: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

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See below - I'll call to discuss

From: Stacey Lee <Lee.Stacey@abc.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 12:03 PM
To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>; DHS:Media <DHSmedia@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Questions

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Hi Laura,

Thanks for your time.

Just wanted to get this to you as early as possible for a response from Lois Boswell.

Labor leader, Peter Malinauskas, was interviewed this morning about the Communist Street Kitchen and he has raised another concern which you might want to respond to.

Here's the direct quote from him:

"We saw the men's crisis centre, which offers homelessness services on Whitmore Square, losing it's funding, under the Marshall Liberal Government."

"Was that senior public servant party to that decision? And if so, did they declare a conflict of interest regarding their directorship and ownership of a hospitality venue adjacent to that particular centre?"

-Do you have a response to that?

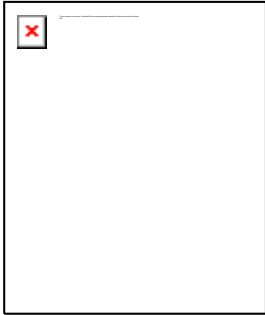
-What was your involvement in the changes to the homeless alliance model?

-Did you declare your Directorship of Sparkke when decisions were being made about funding continuing to the Vinnie's Men's Shelter?

A response as soon as possible would be included in online, TV and radio.

Thank you,
Stacey

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To: Hofman, Laura (DHS)
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Hi Alex

As requested.

Regards
Alex

From: Craker, Daniel (DHS) <Daniel.Craker@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 August 2021 1:29 PM
To: Hall, Alexandra (DHS) <Alexandra.Hall@sa.gov.au>
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Hi Dan
Fiona mentioned receiving two letters on this issue.

Do you know anything about the second?

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From: Craker, Daniel (DHS) <Daniel.Craker@sa.gov.au>
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Here's the templates.

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Hi team

I apologise, my computer isnt letting me send emails from the usual DHS:CE office inbox, also we just received this request, I apologise for the tight time frame. Minister's Office would like a brief to Minister Lensink and draft response for the Premier's consideration.

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Draft Reply Required for Premier's Consideration

DRAFT DUE DATE BACK TO PREMIER'S OFFICE 17-08-2021

Premier's Office Reference: 'PREM - B1107779'

AUTHOR: Casey McEwan

SUBJECT: Casey McEwan - Street Kitchen Volunteers Providing Services in Whitmore Square

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'Dear DHS colleagues - grateful if you can please ask the Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to prepare a draft response for the Premier's consideration. Kind regards, PCU'

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: adelaide@auscp.org.au
Sent: Monday, 2 August 2021 4:11 PM
To: DPC:Premier
Subject: issue of URGENT importance

Dear Premier,

Last week organisers of the street kitchen were approached by representatives of the Department of Human Services, who claimed they were doing so on behalf of the SA State Premier. The spokeswoman, called Lois, said she would be using the resources available to her to make sure we don't set up our service in Whitmore Square any more.

This follows approaches from the Police and the Adelaide City Council seeking to shut down the free food and clothing distribution to the homeless and other disadvantaged people. The police claimed we were attracting homeless people to the area and that businesses and residents weren't happy about this. The Council is seeking to close us down by obliging us to apply for a Food Vendors Permit, which is an expensive bureaucratic process and demanded even though we aren't selling anything.

The Department claims we are causing a problem by creating dependence among the Aboriginal community. We reject this claim. We do our best to bring some relief to the homeless but there is no way people could depend on our service for long-term survival. We wish we could do more to help as the situation of many of the people approaching us for solidarity is urgent and dangerous. They need housing, not harassment.

Be assured that the volunteers of the street kitchen will do everything in their power to maintain our presence in Whitmore Square every Sunday between 11:30am and 1:30pm. We would welcome your support in this matter and your intervention to prevent this obstruction to services to the homeless of Adelaide.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Casey McEwan

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Subject: lines for review

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Sorry for delay – IT issues!

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Subject: RE: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

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Thanks Lois.

I'll call Stacey to explain this one sits with SAHA, as well as providing a written response.

Draft written response for your approval:

Statement from a Department of Human Services spokesperson

The tender for homeless services funding was run by a different agency under a different chief executive.

Background

Lois Boswell was not involved in this decision.

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Different department – absolutely nothing to do with us

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See below - I'll call to discuss

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To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>; DHS:Media <DHSmedia@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Questions

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Hi Laura,

Thanks for your time.

Just wanted to get this to you as early as possible for a response from Lois Boswell.

Labor leader, Peter Malinauskas, was interviewed this morning about the Communist Street Kitchen and he has raised another concern which you might want to respond to.

Here's the direct quote from him:

"We saw the men's crisis centre, which offers homelessness services on Whitmore Square, losing it's funding, under the Marshall Liberal Government."

"Was that senior public servant party to that decision? And if so, did they declare a conflict of interest regarding their directorship and ownership of a hospitality venue adjacent to that particular centre?"

-Do you have a response to that?

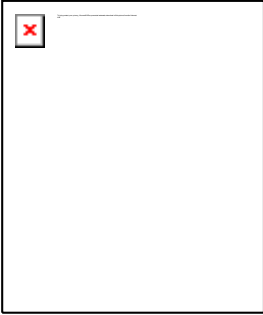
-What was your involvement in the changes to the homeless alliance model?

-Did you declare your Directorship of Sparkke when decisions were being made about funding continuing to the Vinnie's Men's Shelter?

A response as soon as possible would be included in online, TV and radio.

Thank you,

Stacey



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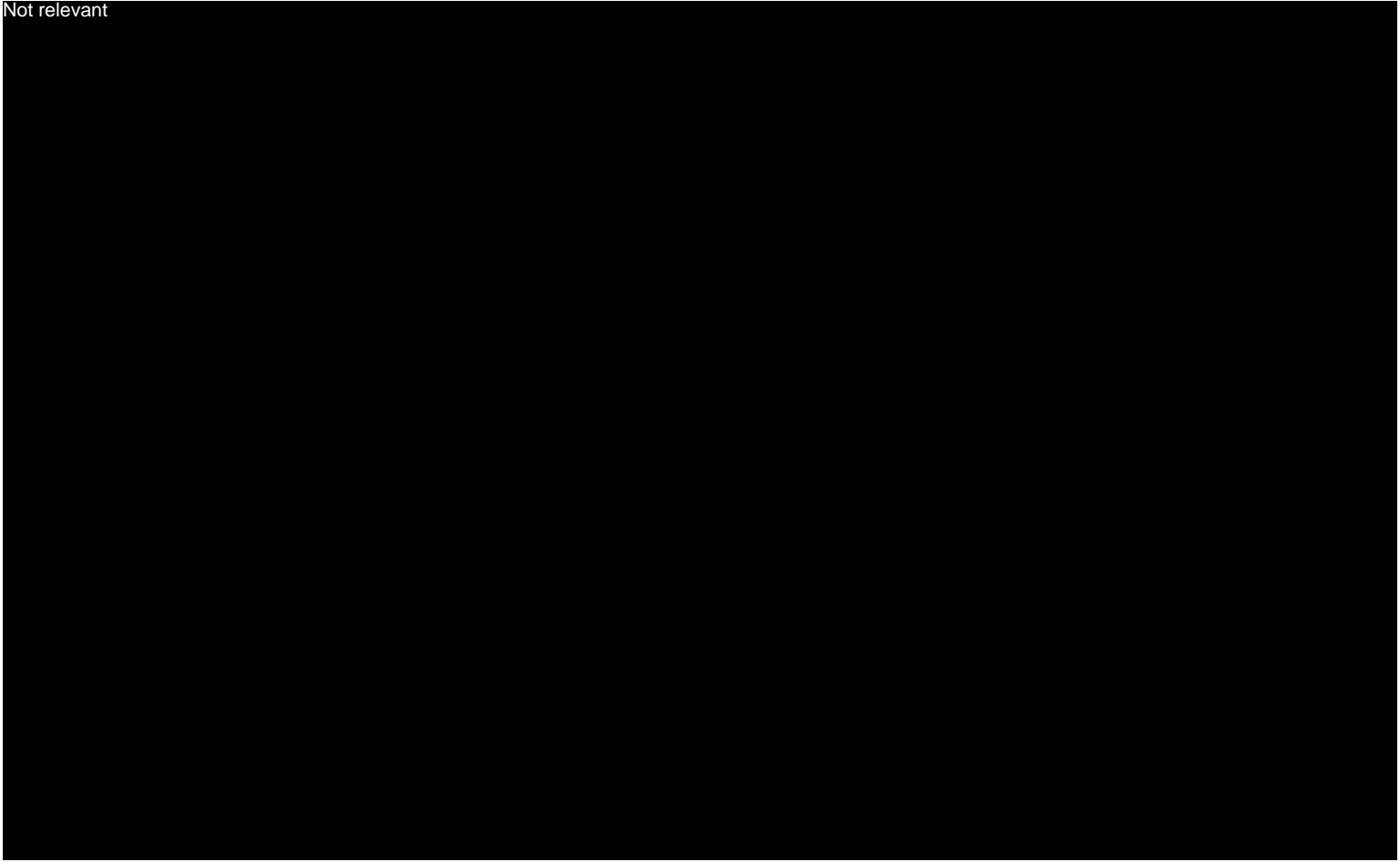
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OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi all – in Karen’s absence today I am happy to pull the PBN together. I just need content so if this can be forwarded to me that would be appreciated. Laura, I’ll wait to hear from you re the messaging.

Ngaityalya (Kurna, *thank you*)
 Lachlan

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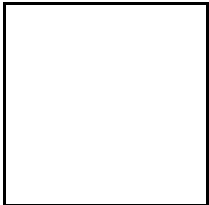
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Subject: RE: Safety & Wellbeing Taskforce

OFFICIAL

Thank you Alex. I'll make all references to the Taskforce uppercase. The line on ACC and permit is consistent with what we've told the ABC.

I'll run this past Kat and get it on template for final review.

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I think it's in really good shape – a nice blend of heart and head. Are we absolutely confident about the reference to ACC and the permit issue? Only one change – it needs an uppercase Taskforce towards the end in the following sentence:

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Regards

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Draft for your review (wording on Aboriginal community from Dale):

Message for DHS staff

Message for sector

Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce

Hi everyone,

Some of you may have seen a story that aired on ABC yesterday about a pop-up street kitchen operating without a permit on Whitmore Square. The story touched on the work of the South Australian Government's Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce. I want to clear up any confusion there might be on the positive work of the taskforce. This is an important opportunity to talk about how we

address very complex social issues and why we need to innovate longstanding service models if we want to truly make a difference in people's lives.

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I regularly visit and talk with **people and service about issues on the ground**. Earlier this month when I came across people packing up a marquee in Whitmore Square, I asked who they were and stated they needed a permit from Council. I also said we were seeking to identify and contact the services in the area to discuss concerns that some service models may not be assisting vulnerable people out of very complex problems in the way they mean to. I advised that a member of the Taskforce would be in touch with them. **At no stage did I or the taskforce ask for any group to be moved**. I've since learnt that Council had earlier advised the group that they would need to move their operation due to the upgrade works in Whitmore Square.

The recent lockdown and ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19 make it more urgent than ever that we discuss longstanding service models and consider new and better ways of making a truly positive impact for the people we serve. The taskforce has piloted some innovative service models to fit with the current trends and assist people with health needs, court matters and opportunities to return home. There was recently a fantastic first meeting with APY Executive and Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Cooperation members, with support raised for a Memorandum of Understanding that will make it clear how these two groups can work in partnership. Elders agreed they, and their respective board members, need to be at the table to work in collaboration with government agencies when service mapping conversations occur. The taskforce is in the process of identifying and contacting relevant services, including those not part of the funded service system, to discuss service **models** and **new approaches**.

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At no stage has DHS or the Taskforce asked for any group to be moved by Council or SAPOL. Discussions about the most effective service model are still underway with elders and community leaders.

Of note, work on the redevelopment of Whitmore Square is now underway following consultation that occurred over the last few years by Adelaide City Council.

I understand that Council had advised the Communist Party that they would need to move their operation due to the upgrade works in early July

Not relevant



Sorry and Thank you very much.
Lois

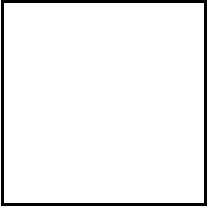
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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Hofman, Laura (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 25 August 2021 2:52 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Leikas, Alichia (DHS); Reid, Alex (DHS); Biggins, Kelly (DHS)
Subject: RE: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)

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No problem, thank you.

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 August 2021 2:52 PM
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Cc: Leikas, Alichia (DHS) <Alichia.Leikas@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>; Biggins, Kelly (DHS) <Kelly.Biggins3@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)

Thanks. I need to look at this when I'm out of meetings - so it will probably be very late this arvo
 Lois

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Aug 2021, at 2:47 pm, Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au> wrote:

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It is due to go out today, but we have often been flexible by a few days either side of the planned send date in the past (for example, earlier or later to make COVID-19 updates more timely). It's generally fortnightly on a Wednesday.

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 August 2021 2:41 PM
To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)

Hi Laura
 When is the sector newsletter due?
 Lois

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Aug 2021, at 1:33 pm, Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi Lois,

Draft messages below for your review. A couple of points to note...

Afghan support message

- For timeliness, I'm cc'ing Kelly and Alex here at the same for them to check the wording. Happy to amend anything if needed.

Taskforce message

- Unfortunately Dale's team isn't able to provide a direct quote today but I have included the additional information provided about Iwiri.
- I've removed an earlier reference to your role as chair of the taskforce (to avoid present/past tense confusion, it was easier to just remove that reference all together).
- We could remove the paragraph in red, which most directly responds to the ABC story, and it would still be a strong message that explains the important work of the taskforce, while avoiding any confusion for those who didn't pay much attention to the ABC story or who missed it altogether (which is probably the majority of readers!). But I also appreciate your desire to make your role clear so we're happy to leave it in if you prefer.

I suggest that this goes out to the sector today as your opening column in the sector newsletter and that we adapt it for staff in the usual Friday DHS News (no need to send a stand-alone message to staff today).

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In my job, I regularly talk with people and service providers about issues on the ground, including the work of the Taskforce. Earlier this month, when I came across people packing up a marquee in Whitmore Square, I asked who they were and stated they needed a permit from Council. I also said the Taskforce was seeking to identify and contact the services in the area to discuss concerns that some service models may not be assisting vulnerable people out of very complex problems in the way they mean to. I advised that a member of the Taskforce would be in touch with them. At no stage did I or the Taskforce ask for any group to be moved.

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Sent: Thursday, 26 August 2021 12:27 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Dunn, Xenia (DHS); Chee, Karen (DHS)
Subject: CE Message DHS News - for approval

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Hi Lois,

I have adjusted your approved sector message for DHS News and highlighting a couple of the more significant changes.

I have spoken with Xen and upon your approval, will bring DHS News forward and send out asap.

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Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Sandy Verschoor <S.Verschoor@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 August 2021 9:39 AM
To: DHS:Minister for Human Services; michelle.lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au
Cc: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: Fwd: ABC TV

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Dear Minister,

Please find as follows the information distributed to elected members with regards to Whitmore Square.

I hope this is helpful in terms of what has happened in the lead up to the events being reported.

I am happy to put something more formal in writing to you should this assist.

Best regards
Sandy

E-News: Permits for Food Services in Public Spaces

Organisations that provide food to the homeless and vulnerable in public spaces are required to hold a mobile food vending (MFV) permit issued by the City of Adelaide. This is requirement under section 222 of the *Local Government Act SA 1999* and the *Roads By-Law 2018*.

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If you have any queries, please let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

Amanda McIlroy

Acting CEO

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Stephen Zaluski <S.Zaluski@cityofadelaide.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 August 2021 8:45 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Subject: Permits for Food Services in Public Areas

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Hi Lois

Below is some further information on Council's approach and action taken to date. Happy for you to provide all or part of this to the Minister if it helps during questioning. If there is going to be any written records issued using or quoting this/CoA please let me know ahead of time. This might not give you the exact word for word you were looking for – but it explains the actions taken by Council, the reasons why, and highlights a joint approach to address these issues. This messaging has also been used in updating our Elected Members following the recent media attention, so using this keeps things consistent.

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To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Agius, Dale (DHS); Dunn, Xenia (DHS)
Subject: RE:

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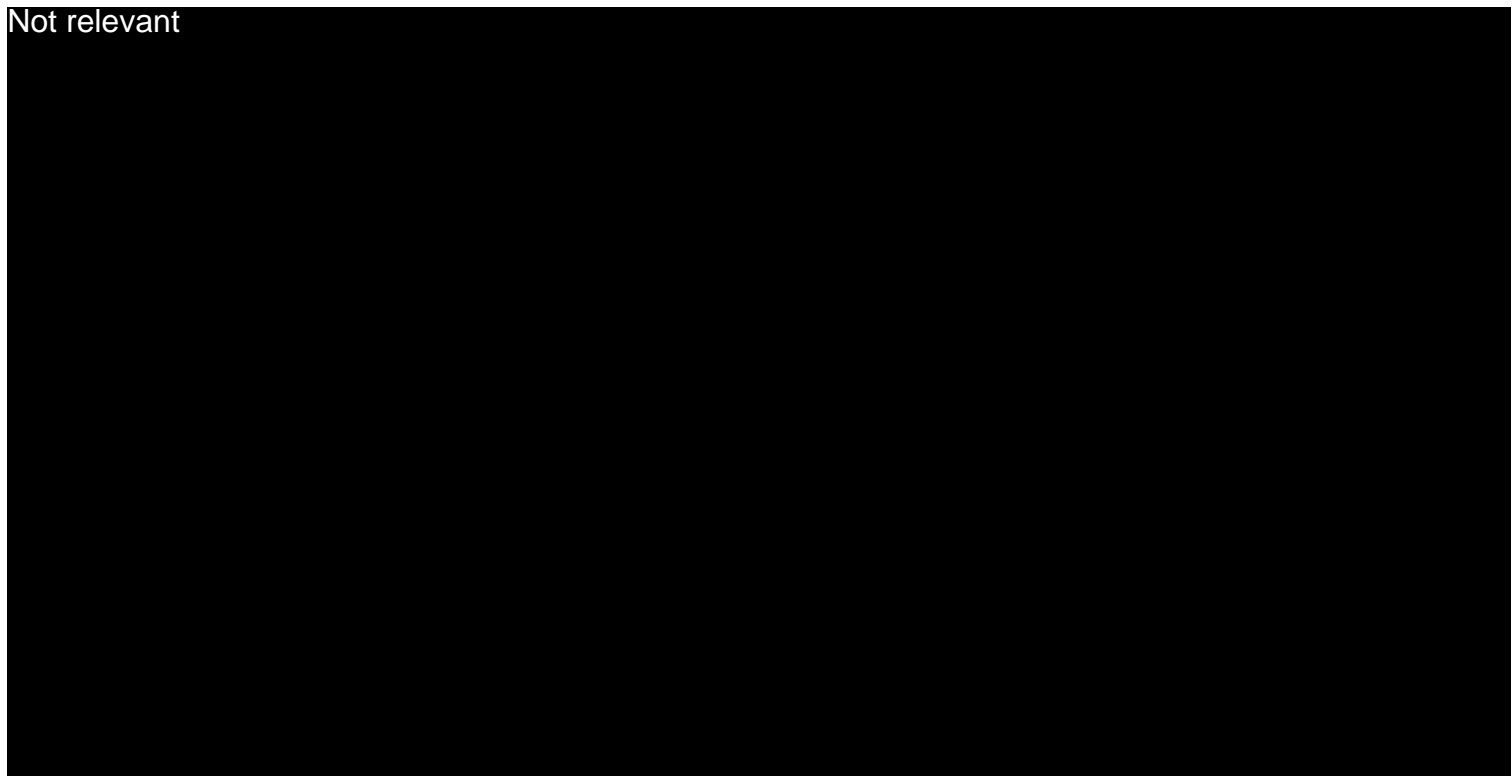
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Subject: RE: Sector messages for your review (Afghan arrivals, safety and wellbeing taskforce)

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Sent: Thursday, 26 August 2021 9:50 AM
To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>
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I recognise I live and work on Kurna country. I pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. I acknowledge the long history and enduring connection Aboriginal people have with this land.

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS)
Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 12:30 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Cc: Hofman, Laura (DHS); Stokes, Katrina (DPC); Reid, Alex (DHS)
Subject: RE: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

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Hi

Yes I sent it last week, however, when I logged onto the system this morning after my leave it appears to have only sent it today. Apologies.

No action needed.

Shelaye

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 12:27 PM
To: Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>; Stokes, Katrina (DPC) <Katrina.Stokes@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

I think this is last week. Isn't it?

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On 30 Aug 2021, at 12:08 pm, Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au> wrote:

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Stacey should know better. So should Malinauskas.

Loz I will call you.

Thanks Shelaye

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 12:15 PM
To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>; Stokes, Katrina (DPC) <Katrina.Stokes@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>; Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

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Different department – absolutely nothing to do with us

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From: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 12:06 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>; Stokes, Katrina (DPC) <Katrina.Stokes@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>; Boothey, Shelaye (DHS) <Shelaye.Boothey@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Follow up from Stacey Lee today - Malinauskas concerns

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See below - I'll call to discuss

From: Stacey Lee <Lee.Stacey@abc.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 12:03 PM
To: Hofman, Laura (DHS) <Laura.Hofman@sa.gov.au>; DHS:Media <DHSmedia@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Questions

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Hi Laura,

Thanks for your time.

Just wanted to get this to you as early as possible for a response from Lois Boswell.

Labor leader, Peter Malinauskas, was interviewed this morning about the Communist Street Kitchen and he has raised another concern which you might want to respond to.

Here's the direct quote from him:

“We saw the men’s crisis centre, which offers homelessness services on Whitmore Square, losing it’s funding, under the Marshall Liberal Government.”

“Was that senior public servant party to that decision? And if so, did they declare a conflict of interest regarding their directorship and ownership of a hospitality venue adjacent to that particular centre?”

-Do you have a response to that?

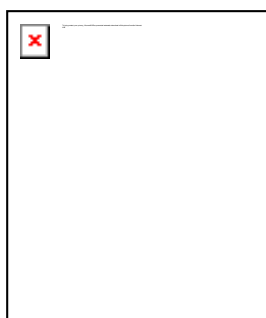
-What was your involvement in the changes to the homeless alliance model?

-Did you declare your Directorship of Sparkke when decisions were being made about funding continuing to the Vinnie’s Men’s Shelter?

A response as soon as possible would be included in online, TV and radio.

Thank you,

Stacey



Stacey Lee

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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Boswell, Lois (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 8:56 AM
To: Reid, Alex (DHS); Krasowski, Gabi (DPC)
Subject: RE: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Sorry Alex – I should have said the CE's office has it

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From: Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 8:52 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>; Krasowski, Gabi (DPC) <Gabi.Krasowski2@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Yeeles, Richard (DPC) <Richard.Yeeles@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE
Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear Gabi

Further to Lois's email below could you please forward me the correspondence and request directly so that I can action it urgently?

Regards

Alex Reid

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From: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 8:48 AM
To: Krasowski, Gabi (DPC) <Gabi.Krasowski2@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Yeeles, Richard (DPC) <Richard.Yeeles@sa.gov.au>; Reid, Alex (DHS) <Alex.Reid@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear Gabi

This matter has been the subject of media and Parliamentary comment and the claims made have been exaggerated. Given that the accusation is against me, one of my Executive Director's has been providing the responses. A draft reply will be provided by my Department shortly.

Regards

Lois

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From: Krasowski, Gabi (DPC) <Gabi.Krasowski2@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 8:36 AM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Yeeles, Richard (DPC) <Richard.Yeeles@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE
Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Ref: B1121057

Dear Lois

On the Premier's behalf, I'm just following up with you on the follow-up correspondence we received from the Australian Communist Party.

We would appreciate your advice on the best approach to this correspondence, so we can update the Premier accordingly.

With kind regards,

Gabi

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From: DPC:PCU
Sent: Friday, 20 August 2021 4:44 PM
To: Boswell, Lois (DHS) <Lois.Boswell@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Yeeles, Richard (DPC) <Richard.Yeeles@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE
Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Ref: B1121057

Dear Lois,

Please see attached correspondence the Premier has received from the Australian Communist Party. Today's email is in response to the attached letter from the Premier (with relevant correspondence included).

The Premier is seeking your advice on the correspondence we received today, particularly whether any response or follow-up action is required.

Grateful for your feedback on this matter early next week.

Please be advised we have not copied this correspondence to Minister Lensink's office, but we will do so if you wish.

Yours sincerely,
Jasmin

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From: adelaide@auscp.org.au <adelaide@auscp.org.au>

Sent: Friday, 20 August 2021 3:53 PM

To: DPC:Premier <premier@sa.gov.au>

Subject: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE

Please find the attached letter in response to the letter we received from Premier Steven Marshall.

Thank you

Casey McEwan

Adelaide Secretary

Australian Communist Party

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Dear Premier

I appreciate the response we received regarding the recent threats made to the Community Union Defence Leagues Street kitchen in Whitmore Square, however I feel the response was inadequate regarding the situation. Since sending the email detailing the situation it has been confirmed that the spokesperson on behalf of the Department of Human Services that approached us on August the 1st, was Lois Boswell the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Human Services.

We feel, as she claimed she had approached us on the authority of the Premier that a more appropriate response is required. Lois herself has confirmed she was at the square the day we reported, furthermore she confirmed that she holds a stake in the Spark at Whitmore Pub across the road from Whitmore Square. It seems that there may be a conflict of interest on behalf of Lois in this situation as the contents of the conversation that we detailed in our previous email revealed.

Furthermore, the City of Adelaide council has suggested we move from Whitmore Square as we will no longer be able to operate there. The Community Union Defence League does not recognise this demand and hope you will allow us to continue providing our services to the much broader Adelaide homeless community branching further than just the Aboriginal groups. There is a great need for our services, and we cannot afford to be shifting around.

The Community Union Defence League intends to continue providing services to the vulnerable in Whitmore Square and hope we can enjoy your support.

Branch Secretary

Casey McEwan

**THE HON STEVEN MARSHALL MP**

PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

B1107779

Casey McEwan
Adelaide Secretary
Australian Communist Party
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Dear Casey,

I write to thank you for your recent email regarding the Australian Communist Party street kitchen at Ivaritji (Whitmore Square). At the outset, I appreciate your concern for the vulnerable people to whom you have been providing food and clothing, and I assure you my Government is working closely to provide support to this group and other people experiencing homelessness.

The Department of Human Services has been leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address concerns of public drinking and unsafe behaviour in the parklands, including working with specialist and culturally appropriate service providers.

The Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce is comprised of State and Local Government senior staff, including representatives from Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation in my department.

I encourage you to connect with the Toward Home Homelessness Alliance, led by Lutheran Care, who are funded to work with people experiencing homelessness. You can reach Lutheran Care by calling 1800 0809 272 or online at <https://www.lccare.org.au/toward-home/>

For further information, you can also contact Fiona Curnow, Director Communities and Justice at the Department of Human Services at Fiona.Curnow@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Steven Marshall MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

18 / 8 / 2021

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Krasowski, Gabi (DPC)
Sent: Thursday, 2 September 2021 3:55 PM
To: Reid, Alex (DHS); Yeeles, Richard (DPC)
Subject: FW: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE
Attachments: PREM - B1121057 - Response to Casey McEwan, Australian Communist Party - Further Concerns Regarding Street Kitchen In Whitmore Square.pdf

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Ref: B1121057

Dear Alex and Richard,

Response to the ACP attached for your files – many thanks for your assistance on this.

Gabi

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From: DPC:Premier
Sent: Thursday, 2 September 2021 3:53 PM
To: 'adelaide@auscp.org.au' <adelaide@auscp.org.au>
Subject: RE: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE

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Ref: B1121057

Dear Casey,

Thank you for your further correspondence to the Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, regarding your street kitchen in Whitmore Square.

The Premier's response is attached here and the hardcopy will follow in today's mail.

Yours sincerely,

Gabi

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Sent: Friday, 20 August 2021 3:53 PM
To: DPC:Premier <premier@sa.gov.au>
Subject: LETTER URGENT IMPORTANCE

Please find the attached letter in response to the letter we received from Premier Steven Marshall.

Thank you

Casey McEwan

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B1121057

Casey McEwan
Branch Secretary
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Email: adelaide@auscp.org.au

Dear Casey,

I acknowledge your further correspondence regarding the Australian Community Party street kitchen in Whitmore Square.

As I outlined in my response of 18 August 2021, the Department of Human Services is leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address public concerns about antisocial behaviour and to help keep the local community, both visitors and residents, safe.

The Taskforce is working closely with elders from several communities to develop short, medium and long-term approaches based on cultural authority and Aboriginal engagement.

I encourage you to continue to work with the relevant City of Adelaide officers to apply for any required permit to undertake activities such as a street kitchen.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Marshall".

Hon Steven Marshall MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2 / 9 / 2021

Braendler, Fiona (DHS)

From: Reid, Alex (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, 2 September 2021 1:00 PM
To: Reid, Alex (DHS)
Subject: Words

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I write to thank you for your further correspondence regarding the Australian Communist Party street kitchen. As I outlined in my response dated 18 August 2021, the Department of Human Services is leading a Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to address public concerns regarding antisocial behaviour and to help keep the community – both visitors and residents – safe.

The Taskforce is working closely with elders from several communities to develop short, medium and long-term approaches based in cultural authority and Aboriginal engagement.

I encourage you to continue to work closely with relevant City of Adelaide officers to resolve matters associated with the requirement for a permit to undertake activities such as street kitchens.

Alex Reid

Acting Executive Director, Community and Family Services
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