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Sent by email: [Tristan.rust@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Tristan.rust@parliament.sa.gov.au)

Dear Ms Cook,

### **Freedom of information application**

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Office of the Minister for Human Services on 17 October 2019 seeking access to:

*Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS or Ministerial Paper 18TDHS/972.*

Unfortunately, a determination was unable to be made within the 30 days, therefore it is considered to be a 'deemed refusal' under section 19(2)(b) of the Act. However, our office has continued to process your application outside of this timeframe. Section 19(2)(a) of the Act provides that an agency can release documents outside of the thirty-day timeframe, and this is still taken to be a determination under the Act.

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

Document 2 is a published document by the Australian Government and available on the internet, and I have determined to refuse this document in full under section 20S (1)(b) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Please find enclosed a copy of the document, and a document schedule containing a brief description of the documents.

If you are dissatisfied with my determination, you can seek an internal review by writing to the Minister for Human Services as the Principal Officer of the agency. Your request should be sent within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may/will be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Amanda Hockings, Office Manager, on telephone 8463 3388 or by email at [amanda.hockings2@sa.gov.au](mailto:amanda.hockings2@sa.gov.au). If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your FOI application, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman SA. Please contact the Ombudsman directly on (08) 8226 8699.

Yours sincerely



**Amanda Hockings**  
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

9 / 4 / 2019

### SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – MCOR/0109

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Department for Human Services	Minister for Human Services	13/7/2019	DHS Signed Briefing RE: Release of the AIHW Overlap between Youth Justice Supervision and Alcohol and other Drug Treatment Services Report	Released in Full	
2.				Attachment to Briefing: Overlap between Youth Justice Supervision and alcohol and other drug treatment service 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2016	Refused in Full	Exempt S20(1)(b) – publicly available

18TDHS/972



**Government of South Australia**  
 Department of Human Services

**TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

**RE: RELEASE OF THE AIHW OVERLAP BETWEEN YOUTH JUSTICE SUPERVISION AND ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES REPORT**

**Decision/action required by: 13/07/2018**  
**Reason: Date Report Published**

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note the contents of this briefing regarding the release of the AIHW <i>Overlap between youth justice supervision and alcohol and other drug treatment services</i> report	Approved / Not Approved / Noted

<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>-----</p> <p><b>Hon Michelle Lensink MLC</b></p> <p><b>/ / 2018</b></p>
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**KEY POINTS**

- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) will publically release the *Overlap between youth justice supervision and alcohol and other drug treatment services 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2016* report on Friday 13 July 2018. It is under embargo until this time.
- This report looks at the level of overlap of young people who receive services for alcohol and other drug issues, and those that have youth justice supervision. However, it does not include alcohol and other drug services delivered in custody or by Aboriginal specific agencies. This is a significant weakness of the report.
- The report found that those who received an alcohol and other drug treatment were 30x as likely as the population to have youth justice supervision.
- Aboriginal young people were 14 times as likely as their non-Aboriginal counterparts to be clients of both youth justice and alcohol and other drug services.

**DISCUSSION**

The data contained in the report is provided by states and territories; youth justice data is sourced from the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS) managed by AIHW. The report's findings are presented at a national level and not disaggregated by jurisdiction. Data in the report relates to young people born between 1998 and 2002, who therefore would have been aged between 10 and 14 at the beginning of the study period (1 July 2012) and between 14 and 18 at the end of the study period (30 June 2016).

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The majority (79%) of young people who had alcohol and other drug treatment did not have a period of youth justice supervision during the study period. Similarly, the majority (67%) of young people who had a period of youth justice supervision did not have alcohol and other drug treatment.

Of those young people who received alcohol and other drug treatment, where the principal drug of concern was volatile solvents or amphetamines they were the most likely to have also experienced youth justice supervision. Compared to the Australian population young people who had experienced youth justice supervision were 27 times as likely to be treated for alcohol, 33 times as likely to be treated for cannabis and 50 times as likely to be treated for amphetamines.

The above results may not reflect differences in substance use. Young people under youth justice supervision are by definition under greater scrutiny than the general population and therefore more likely to result in alcohol and other drug treatment services being sought. The report reflects alcohol and other drug treatment service delivery levels not levels of substance use. Similarly, the overlap between alcohol and other drug treatment services and youth justice supervision is not chronological. For this reason, the report cannot establish a link between offending and substance use (notwithstanding the illegality of the act itself).

**BUDGET**




Are there financial implications No

Is there a budget impact No

Is there an FTE impact No

**MEDIA/SENSITIVE:**

As this report is released publicly, a copy of this briefing should be forwarded to Communications and Engagement. Yes

<b>Division</b>	Youth Justice		
<b>Director</b>	Rohan Bennett	 signature	7/07/18
<b>Executive Director</b>	Michael Homden	 signature	10/07/18
<b>Chief Executive</b>	Tony Harrison	 signature	13/07/18 date

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Overlap between youth justice supervision and alcohol and other drug treatment service 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2016

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