



DEW Reference: F0003106701

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Hon Dennis Hood MP
Parliament House
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Dear Hon Dennis Hood MP

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on 14 August 2020, seeking access to:

F0003106701 – Application 4:

*“All documents and records including but not limited to financial statements, bank statements, credit card statements, briefings, minutes, correspondence, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, written notes and diary entries of reimbursements paid to the Minister and staff in the Ministers office for the period 14 March 2014 to 17 March 2020”.
(end date amended from 2021 to 2020)*

As confirmed with Mr Nicholas Vezis of your office on 24 August 2020 the scope of the request was reduced to:

“DEWNR/DEW’s financial system extract of transaction data covering reimbursements paid to the Minister and staff in the Ministers office for the period 14 March 2014 to 17 March 2018”.

The determination was due to be completed and forwarded to you by the statutory due date of the 14 September 2020. As the application was placed on hold for two business days to facilitate scope negotiations, the statutory due date was extended by that many days to, 16 September 2020.

Should the agency not determine the application within 30 days of receiving it, by the operation of section 19(2)(b) of the FOI Act, the agency is taken to have determined the application by refusing access. Section 19(2a) of the FOI Act, provides that an agency may give access to a document on an application after the period within which it was required to deal with the application (and any such determination is to be taken to have been made under this Act).

DETERMINATION

Searches of the Department's records have found that there is one (1) document held by this agency within the scope of your request.

As a DEW Accredited FOI Officer, I have determined to grant you full access to this document.

On this occasion the department is required to provide the determination electronically.

In accordance with [PC045 – Disclosure logs for Non-personal information](#) once a determination has been provided, the agency is required to make available on our website information and documents that have been disclosed. Information will be publicised online at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log>.

FEES AND CHARGES

The department has assessed this application and has determined that there is no charge for processing this application pursuant to section 53(2)(b) of the Act and Regulation 6 of the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2020* which states that access to documents by Members of Parliament (MP) is without charge unless the work generated by the application exceeds the threshold stated in the regulations, currently \$1000.

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to internal review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the attached 'FOI Application Form – For Internal Review of a Determination'. If you decide to apply to exercise your rights to review, the completed form must be returned within 30 days to:

Chief Executive (Principal Officer FOI)
Department for Environment and Water
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If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact a Freedom of Information Officer on telephone (08) 8463 6625 or email DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Accredited Freedom of Information Officer, Department for Environment and Water

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Encl: 1. Release Document – F0003106701 Reimbursements
2. FOI Fact Sheet – Right of Review and Appeal