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Sent by email: gemma.paech@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Picton

Freedom of information application

I refer to your request received by the Office of the Premier seeking access under section 13 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) to:

Any documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written advice and briefs, minutes, emails and any other correspondence) prepared by, for, or held by the Premier or Premier's Staff, relating to the temporary fencing around the Royal Adelaide Hospital emergency department from 17 March 2018 to 6 June 2018.

The Department for the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is responsible for providing determinations on behalf of the Office of the Premier.

Four documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined to release the documents as follows:

- 3 documents in full
- 1 document in part

Document 1 contains information relating to the personal affairs of third parties. Under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act, a document is exempt if its disclosure would involve the 'unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person'. This information falls within the definition of personal affairs under the Act and is therefore exempt from release pursuant to clause 6(1).

Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*

In compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DPC is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DPC website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars> Please visit the website for further information.

Right to internal review

If you are aggrieved with this determination, you have a right to apply for internal review under subsection 29(1) of the Act. Pursuant to subsection 29(2), your application must:

- be in writing
- be addressed to the principal officer, and
- be lodged at an office of DPC, or emailed to DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au within 30 days after the day on which you receive this letter or within such further time as the principal officer may allow.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Denise Cranwell, Freedom of Information Officer, on telephone 8429 5299 or via email at denise.cranwell@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Georgia Lygoe
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS— DPC18/1854

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No.	Date	Document description	Exemption clauses	Released (part/full/refused)	Reason
1.	31/05/2018	Email	Clause 6(1)	Part	Personal affairs
2.	31/05/2018	Media release		Full	No exempt material
3.	31/05/2018	Email		Full	No exempt material
4.	31/05/2018	Media release (duplicate)		Full	No exempt material

From: McDonald, Hayley (Health)
Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 3:28 PM
To: Charter, Greg (DPC) <Greg.Charter@sa.gov.au>; Nicholls, Jonathan (Health) <Jonathan.Nicholls@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Wade, Stephen (Health) <Stephen.Wade@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: RAH temporary fencing to protect patient privacy
Importance: High

Hello all,

See attached media release for your approvals. We would like to send this out in an hour, so a prompt response would be much appreciated. Apologies for the tight timing.

Please give me a call with any further questions,
Hayley

Hayley McDonald
Principal Media Adviser
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From: Hammond, Claire (Health)
Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 3:26 PM
To: McDonald, Hayley (Health)
Subject: RAH temporary fencing to protect patient privacy

Media Release

SA Health

Thursday, 31 May 2018

RAH TEMPORARY FENCING TO PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY

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Regular testing of carbon monoxide levels within the ED car parks have been within the acceptable range, but additional measures, including the installation of industrial fans at the ambulance entrance, have been implemented to alleviate any concern.

Lee Brooks, Executive Director of Metropolitan Operations, SA Ambulance Service, said the dignity of patients is a priority no matter where the patient is being treated.

"Our paramedics and ambulance officers do everything they can to protect the privacy of patients at all times," Mr Brooks said.

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Options for a long-term solution, including permanent screening that complements existing hospital design, will be looked at in the coming months.

For more information

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Telephone: 08 8226 6488

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From: Hammond, Claire (Health)

Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 4:35 PM

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