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Our reference: MCP/18/114-1

Ms Jayne Stinson MP
Member for Badcoe
407 Marion Road
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Dear Ms Stinson

I refer to your Freedom of Information application received on 31 May 2018 requesting:

"Since 17 March 2018, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries, meeting notes and any other correspondence) regarding Grandparents for Grandchildren."

I wish to advise that a comprehensive search has been undertaken for documents matching the scope of your request and 28 documents have been identified. I have determined to release 26 of these documents to you in full as outlined in the attached schedule. The remaining two documents are specifically prepared for Cabinet and Parliament and are exempt pursuant to clause 1(1)(a) and clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. Clause 1(1) states that:

1 – Cabinet documents

(1) A document is an exempt document –

- (a) if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted); or
- (b) if it is a preliminary draft of a document referred to in paragraph (a); or
- (c) if it is a document that is a copy of or part of, or contains an extract from, a document referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); or
- (e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet; or
- (f) if it is a briefing paper specifically prepared for the use of a Minister in relation to a matter submitted, or proposed to be submitted to Cabinet.



17 – Documents subject to contempt etc

A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown –

(c) infringe the privilege of Parliament.

Please be aware that in accordance with Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information*, this agency is required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the FOI Act.

There are no costs levied for the processing of your application.

If you have any questions regarding this determination please contact me on telephone (08) 8303 2592.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you can seek an Internal Review by writing to the Hon Rachel Sanderson MP, Minister for Child Protection as the Principal Officer. Your request should be sent within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

I have also enclosed a copy of your rights to review and appeal this determination, which explains your review options.

Yours sincerely



Christian Fenech

ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

29 June 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991

YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW AND APPEAL

1. INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied or "aggrieved" with certain decisions or "determinations" of an agency/council/university (regarding access to documents or amendment of records), under S.29 and S.38 of the *Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1991*, you can apply to the agency/council/university concerned for an internal review of its determination.

To apply for an internal review of a determination you must write a letter addressed to the Principal Officer or lodge an internal review application form with the same agency/council/university as made the determination. This also must be addressed to the Principal Officer. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (if applicable). The application should be lodged within 30 days of the original determination.

The agency/council/university will undertake its internal review and advise you of its decision within 14 days of receipt of the application.

There is no right to an internal review of a determination made by a Minister or Principal Officer of an agency/council/university.

2. INVESTIGATION BY THE OMBUDSMAN/POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY

After an internal review has been completed, if you are still dissatisfied with the agency/council/university's determination, you can request an external review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority of the determination. The Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority is empowered to investigate the conduct of any person or body in relation to a determination made by an agency/council/university under this Act. (If an application determination was made by a police officer, or the Minister responsible for the administration of the SA Police, applications for external review are made to the Police Complaints Authority. All other applications for external review should be made to the Ombudsman.)

You may also request an external review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority if you have no right to an internal review.

The application for review by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority should be lodged within 30 days of the date of a determination.

Investigations by the Ombudsman/Police Complaints Authority are free. Further information is available from the Office of the Ombudsman or Police Complaints Authority.

3. REVIEW BY SACAT

You have a right to apply for a review by SACAT if you are unhappy with:

- a determination not subject to Internal Review
- an Internal Review determination, or
- the outcome of a review by the Ombudsman SA or the Police Ombudsman.

You must exercise your right of review with SACAT within 30 calendar days after being advised of the above types of determinations or the results of a review. Any costs will be determined by SACAT, where applicable.

For more information contact SACAT. Contact Details:
South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
(SACAT)

Phone: 1800 723 767

Email: sacat@sacat.sa.gov.au

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

| Item No. | Dated | Author | Recipient | Title/Description | Determination |
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| 1 | Undated | Nat Cook MP | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 2 | 4 May 2018 | Peter Biber | Di Otto | Request for meeting with Minister | Release |
| 3 | 16 May 2018 | Peter Biber | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 4 | 17 May 2018 | Lyndall Williams | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Support for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 5 | 17 May 2018 | Ms Jayne Stinson MP | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Seeking confirmation that Minister will meet with Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 6 | 17 May 2018 | Peter Biber | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 7 | 17 May 2018 | Brette Schumann | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Grandparents for Grandchildren | Exempt - Schedule 1 - Clause 17 (c) |
| 8 | 18 May 2018 | Mr Fraser Ellis MP | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 9 | 18 May 2018 | Barbara and Gary Atkinson | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 10 | 18 May 2018 | Senator David Fawcett (on behalf of Jen Reimann) | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 11 | 18 May 2018 | Sue Sutherland | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |

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| 12 | 18 May 2018 | Tracey Denk | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 13 | 21 May 2018 | Garry Humphries | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 14 | 22 May 2018 | Peter Biber | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Meeting accepted notification | Release |
| 15 | 22 May 2018 | Kate Dunne | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 16 | 23 May 2018 | Janet Barwick | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 17 | 23 May 2018 | Connie Bonaros MLC | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Cessation of state government funding | Release |
| 18 | 23 May 2018 | Di Otto | Peter Biber | Meeting request confirmation | Release |
| 19 | 24 May 2018 | Ron Hall | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 20 | 24 May 2018 | Dr Kevin O'Loughlin | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 21 | 25 May 2018 | Maryanne Ryan | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 22 | 25 May 2018 | Associate Professor Kaye Mehta | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 23 | 25 May 2018 | Meghan Ahrens | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Release |
| 24 | 25 May 2018 | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP Hon Michelle Lensink MLC | Hon R I Lucas MLC – Treasurer | Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren | Exempt Schedule 1 – Clause 1 (1)(a) |
| 25 | 29 May 2018 | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Parliament of South Australia | Ministerial Statement | Release |
| 26 | 29 May | Hon Rob Lucas | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Funding for Grandparents for | Release |

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| | 2018 | MLC | Hon Michelle Lensink MLC | Grandchildren | |
| 27 | 30 May 2018 | Peter Biber | Penny Pratt | Request for video of Minister Sanderson's ministerial statement on GfG | Release |
| 28 | Undated | Hon Rachel Sanderson MP | Various recipients | Letter to stakeholders advising of funding arrangement for the next three years | Release |

Nat Cook MP

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our Community*



Hon Rachel Sanderson

Minister for Child Protection

Minster.sanderson@sa.gov.au

REF: KB

Dear Minister, *Rachel*

I write to you in regards to disappointment with the cuts to funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren.

I am truly saddened to see funding cuts are being applied to an area of incredible value for my constituents. This is devastating to the local community who utilise the group for ongoing support while they are involved the raising of kids who would otherwise be in an untenable situation.

If you could please provide advice on this matter for inclusion in my response to my constituents.

Kind regards

Nat Cook MP

Member for Hurtle Vale

May 2018

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Office has moved

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Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Otto, Diane (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 4 May 2018 9:10 AM
To: 'Peter Biber'
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST

Good morning Peter

Thank you for emailing. I have received your email and can assure you it will be discussed with the Minister. I will be in touch as soon as I have an update for you on meeting times.

Kind regards,

Diane

Diane Otto

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From: Peter Biber [<mailto:Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>]

Sent: Friday, 4 May 2018 8:10 AM

To: Otto, Diane (DCP)

Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST

Importance: High



Good morning Diane

Didn't hear back from you so just checking you received my email below? If so, have you set up the meeting yet please?

We only have a few weeks to go.....

Kind Regards

Peter Biber BCom (Hons) UNSW

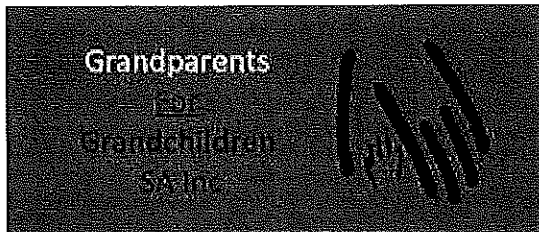
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From: Peter Biber

Sent: Wednesday, 2 May 2018 4:08 PM

To: 'Diane.Otto@sa.gov.au' <Diane.Otto@sa.gov.au>

Subject: MEETING REQUEST



Good afternoon Diane

Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon, I confirm the outcome of a meeting I had with the Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman on 6 April 2018 who advised she would discuss the essence of that meeting with Minister Handerson and asked me to arrange a follow up meeting with Rachel as soon as possible.

GFGSA has been operating for 15 years and now with a team of 18 unpaid volunteers, delivers services across South Australia currently assisting more than 12,000 SA family members. At this stage, our Government funding which assists our operational expenses only, ceases at 30 June 2018.

GFGSA is the peak body for non-statutory out of home carers in South Australia and is unique within Australia. Our sector represents 54% of SA children in out of home care compared to the remaining 46% in foster and residential/commercial care.

To continue our invaluable work, funding needs to be put in place to support both our operational requirements and also our staff. A 3-year Business Plan was produced in 2016 detailing our requirements and I met with Rachel at the time to brief her on the document. (Rachel was provided with a copy). This document has been the topic of ongoing discussion with the previous Government but has only resulted in broken commitments and unfulfilled promises.

Due to the highly stressful nature of our work, it is unlikely our volunteer team will be in a position to continue much longer without the recognition it deserves. Senior team members offer their time for up to 5 days a week to meet the ever increasing demands of the community and the current team has been doing so for the past 3 years.

Without an unequivocal funding commitment, it is likely our doors will close on 2 July 2018 and the keys handed to the Minister for Child Protection to organise an immediate continuation of our services, by Government, to minimise and hopefully prevent damage to children at risk. Clearly, such a scenario would not bode well for the Government, or the Minister for Child Protection.

I have been trying to secure a meeting with Rachel for almost 4 weeks without any acknowledgement whatsoever. I am acutely aware it is a busy time for the Minister; but at the same time we are in the business of saving children's lives.

Could you please schedule a meeting as soon as possible to give me the opportunity to:

1. Update the Minister on our work and achievements over the last couple of years; and
2. Discuss our immediate funding requirements.

I look forward to your advice as soon as possible please Diane.

Kind Regards

Peter Biber BCom (Hons) UNSW

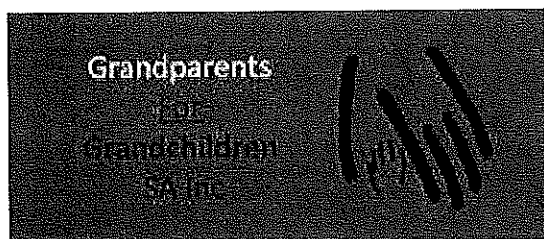
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From: Peter Biber
To: [Jayne Stinson MP; croydon@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Jayne.Stinson.MP@croydon@parliament.sa.gov.au); [DCP:Minister; bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:DCP:Minister;bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au)
Subject: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA
Date: Wednesday, 16 May 2018 8:33:31 AM
Attachments: [Image009.png](#)
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[Letter.pdf](#)
Importance: High



Dear Jayne, Peter, Rachel and Vickie
(alphabetical order)

Yesterday I met with Cathy Taylor, Chief Executive of the Department for Child Protection (DCP) and her Deputy Fiona Ward to be advised that DCP has no funds remaining to continue financial support for GFGSA as it has done for the past 10 years or more. Even the allocated budget for the recent Carer Advocacy Service tender was about half that required to meet KPMG's recommended option, which was unequivocally accepted by Government to be fully funded.

We are devastated, disappointed, sad and angry. GFGSA is the Peak Body for the majority of children in out of home care being the non-statutory sector. We have 12,000 South Australian family members who will be now turning to Government for assistance and support in line with what GFGSA currently provides; and they too will be very angry.

As you understand GFGSA, support our cause and respect our initiatives, I am seeking your urgent help in working together to assist us. It is one of those rare occasions that key members of both sides of Parliament can work together in an emergency situation.

At this stage, our doors will close on Monday 2 July and the keys handed to DCP as there is no funding to meet rent and other operational expenses. Telephones will have the appropriate message directing all enquiries to DCP. This is deemed an appropriate course of action as DCP have traditionally been our funders. This, incidentally, flies in the face of a Business Case we submitted to DCP two years ago to relocate to larger, professional offices offering space for client consultation rooms and training and education facilities. It was accepted and additional funds for rent and relocation costs provided. We have lease commitments. Furthermore, there is still no funding for staff despite several promises and commitments.

Cathy has undertaken to try to find additional funds from Treasury and other sources. She has committed to get back to me by the end of this week. In fairness to our 17 staff, I need to help them prepare for the seemingly inevitable.

GFGSA only requires \$600,000 pa to operate. Or as close to that as possible. This is a minute percentage of the more than half a billion dollars currently allocated to address the recommendations of the Nyland Report. It is an even smaller percentage of the hundreds of millions of dollars currently being found for roads and other infrastructure projects. Are our most vulnerable children at risk less important? Having worked in Government for 17 years myself, I know this money can be found. So I am pleading with you to work together to help Cathy find

the funds and save GFGSA – and its clients.

Anecdotally and to demonstrate the bipartisan feelings towards GFGSA, last year we were awarded not one, but two Premier's Awards for Excellence. One for GFGSA the organisation; and one for the CEO. Yesterday evening I was advised by the Minister for Human Services, Hon Michelle Lensink, that we had just won two more Premier's Awards for Excellence, one for "The GFGSA Team" and one for our Principal Carer Advocate Joanne Lauritsen. Jo assists, advises and advocates for literally hundreds of clients annually and leads our Carer Advocate group. If past and present Premiers can agree on our worth, hopefully you will see fit to do likewise. And this is on top of GFGSA being the inaugural recipient of Star Service accreditation for quality assurance; and a finalist in this year's Governor's highly regarded Multicultural Awards.

Please work together to save us and could you please let Cathy know this week so she may amend her Friday deadline.

On behalf of all our clients and staff, I sincerely thank you in anticipation of your assistance and support.

Kind Regards

Pete

Peter Biber BCom (Hons) UNSW

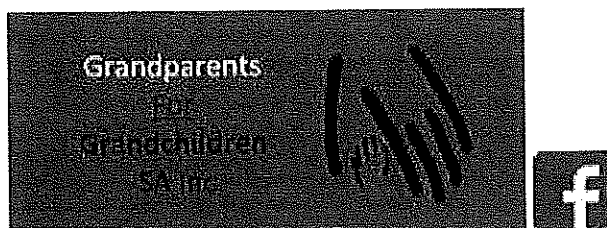
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Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From:
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 11:19 AM
To: DCP:Minister
Subject: Grandparents for grandchildren
Categories: Jelena, New corro

Att: The Honourable Rachel Sanderson: Child protection

Grandparents for grandchildren support us and our grandchildren. We are a valued resource and save both the State and Federal govts money and resources.

The group have survived State Labor, just. The group are central so easier to reach in their new premises and run wonderful programs. They also assist in areas when no one else will.

I would not have won my Family court case without their assistance. A very astute volunteer came with me for a family assessment: therefore providing third party evidence and preventing bias.

This group supports our community and many families through difficult times.
We don't ask for much but retaining the services of this organization and the wonderful volunteers who work there is a must for the likes of families like me.

Yours faithfully,

Lyndall Williams



JAYNE STINSON MP

MEMBER FOR BADCOE
SHADOW MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION
SHADOW MINISTER FOR THE ARTS

The Hon Rachel Sanderson MP
Minister for Child Protection
Level 12 North, 1 King William Street
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BY EMAIL: minister.sanderson@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc.

I write in regard to the commitment you made on 16 May 2018 during Question Time, that you would meet Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc (GFGSA).

GFGSA have for many years provided a valuable service to the community, advocating on behalf of grandparents who raise their grandchildren. The commitment of these grandparents is second to none and often goes unrecognised.

GFGSA now faces an uncertain future, a future that you can secure.

Could you please confirm that as a result of the commitment you made during Question Time that you have made arrangements to meet with representatives of GFGSA including its CEO, Mr Peter Biber.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of your meeting with Mr Biber and that there has been a positive outcome.

Kind regards

Jayne Stinson MP
Member for Badcoe
Shadow Minister for Child Protection
Shadow Minister for the Arts

17 May 2018

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Parkins, Jelena (DCP) on behalf of DCP:Minister
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 8:49 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: FW: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA

Hi both – please find below the last email from Grandparents for Grandchildren.

Jelena Parkins

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From: Peter Biber [<mailto:Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 8:41 AM

To: Jayne Stinson MP ; croydon@parliament.sa.gov.au; DCP:Minister ; bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au

Subject: RE: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA



Dear Members

Thank you for your support and encouragement during Question Time yesterday. It is truly gratifying to hear everyone espousing GFGSA's virtues and worth to Government, carers and the community. It was a positive start; but unfortunately I feel we have a long journey ahead of us before attaining any level of sustainability. I would love to be proven wrong!

Understandably that in the environment of Question Time, the facts may often be blurred. It is clear that one of the main issues is the lack of understanding of the difference between the Carer Advocacy Tender and continued funding for GFGSA. **They are totally unrelated.** The former was for the formal (statutory) carer sector and the latter is for the informal (non-statutory) carer sector. Both sectors have Peak Bodies that have been independently funded by government for years and both deliver very different services. And both are needed. This confusion was even more evident on Channel 10 and 2 news last night where the reporting was incorrect. We have a press release currently in draft which will be pointed; and also seek to clarify the true position.

Vickie, a major error you made was to say that GFGSA receives funding from elsewhere and not just State Government. Wrong. We are entirely dependent on State Government funding as is the other Peak Body and

without it, we close. It was also incorrect to suggest that we may be just in panic mode heading towards the end of the financial year. This is not so. Historically we were invited to submit our requests/budgets for funding in the month of November and were advised of the outcome the following June. We received no such request last November or any time since. Our efforts in attempting to raise this issue with DCP continually fell on deaf ears.

Rachel, thanks for consenting to see me and I look forward to discussing our funding as soon as you can squeeze me in!

Kind Regards

Peter Biber BCom (Hons) UNSW

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FRASER ELLIS MP
MEMBER FOR NARUNGGGA



18 May 2018

Hon. Rachel Sanderson
Minister for Child Protection
GPO Box 1072
Adelaide, SA 5001

25 MAY 2018

Dear Minister Sanderson

I write in response to constituent contact my office has had in relation to the decision of whether or not to continue funding the organisation known as Grandparents For Grandchildren SA (GFGSA).

From the contact I have had, this volunteer-based organisation is worthy of consideration for continued funding support.

Examples of the types of assistance being specifically provided by GFGSA to the growing number of grandparents who find themselves in the role of primary carer of their grandchildren due to the ill health/incapacity of the children's parents, include legal help, emotional support, practical assistance with Centrelink processes and entitlements, liaison for court processes and police assistance, and provision of donated items to make life in general easier.

Comments to me have included:

- "I was in dire straits just trying to get financials done and GFGSA assigned me a Centrelink liaison and it was all done in two days";
- "My daughter and son-in law are on ice and there's domestic violence and so I had to stop work and care for my two grandchildren who needed me – GFGSA were a god-send and I don't know what I would have done without them";
- "GFGSA are someone I can talk to when I am having a tough day and they specifically support grandparents. We need to keep funding going";
- "I didn't know what to do and they got me a wonderful lawyer, and an iPad for the kids to enable them to keep up with technology and school requirements";
- "Being on the aged pension I was having trouble with Centrelink and paying the increased bills and they put me on to a Grandparent Centrelink liaison officer, it was wonderful";
- "I regularly have to go to court for mediation and custody requirements and GFGSA is the only support I have. They also advocate for improvements for us, to highlight the issues we face."

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Fraser Ellis MP
Member for Narungga

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Barbara Atkinson
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 11:28 AM
To: DCP:Minister
Subject: URGENT - Grandparents for Grand Children SA closure from July

Categories: Jelena, New corro

Minister Sanderson,

We are writing to you to express that we are disappointed, dismayed, disheartened, saddened and the funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren SA has been withdrawn.

This decision shows total lack of not understanding the important role that this organisation does Grandparents raising their grandchildren. We are pensioners raising our Grandson and the support given by GFGSA has been our "lifeline". They have supported us in so many ways, that we have what we would have done without their care and understanding.

GFGSA are volunteers who work continually to assist families in situations like ours.

Grandparents are saving the Government millions of dollars a year by providing care to our grandchild otherwise would be living in caravans, motels and placed with foster families. All we as grandpare providing a stable life for the grandchildren who have in so many cases been through dreadful exp

To be able to pick up the phone and speak to the volunteers at GFGSA, who totally understand what we are experiencing is extremely helpful and we are so grateful to be able to do this. In our situation provided us with support in going with us to Court, which is the most "stressful" situation to by pl assisted with food hampers at Christmas time. They have also assisted us with "grants" to help pay necessities for our grandson. Grandparents go without to provide for their grandchildren.

This decision by the newly elected Liberal government is CRUEL AND SHOWS A TOTAL LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact us on

Thank you

Barbara and Gary Atkinson

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Fawcett, David (Senator)
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 11:39 AM
To: DCP:Minister
Cc: Wright-Taylor, Micah (Sen D. Fawcett)
Subject: FW: GFGSA URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Categories: Jelena, New corro

Dear Rachel,

I have received this email from a constituent who has requested that I forward it for your information/action.

Kind regards

David

Senator David Fawcett

Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Deputy Government Whip in the Senate

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Treaties

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From: Neil & Jen
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 10:32 AM
To: Fawcett, David (Senator)
Subject: Fwd: GFGSA URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Hi David

Jen Reimann from CBC.

Forwarding this notification from Grandparents for Grandchildren SA for your information. This organisation has helped many Grandparents to help their Grandchildren.

I believe this decision to not support this charitable organisation will cost the government financially as well as causing a negative effect for the Grandparents and Grandchildren concerned.

Could you please forward this to someone who may be able to investigate and show care for these Grandparents who I know do it tough and these children, many of which are at risk because of Parents with Drug Abuse Issues.

This is a huge issue in our society that needs practical support and much prayer.

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Richard and Sue
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 1:07 PM
To: dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au; bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au; DCP:Minister; Taylor, Cathy (DCP); "badcoe@"@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: Forced closure of Grandparents for Grandchildren -Shame on you
Importance: High
Categories: Jelena, New corro

Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to the new Liberal state governments decision to cease funding for Grandparents4Grandparents from June 30th 2018.

Grandparents for Grandchildren have always place the welfare of children above all else which is something that Department of Child protection has not, no matter which government, name changes or how much money or policy changes have been thrown at it.

After attempting to get help from child protection, govt ministers and police and social workers it was only Grand parents for Grandchildren who showed me any compassion, advice and assistance regarding the situation my grandson was and continues to be in.

Government seems to talk the talk but certainly cannot walk the walk when it comes to our precious children in awful situations. Its all just words. This closure could force more children into an already overloaded foster care environment.

By enabling and empowering families to remain together , children are more likely to develop into emotionally healthy, connected young people with more chance of achieving their full potential.

Grandparents for Grandchildren are a fabulous much needed organisation helping people far more than any over funded government organisation, and shame on you Mr Marshall for removing the funding from the very organisation that saves the government millions of dollars and helps grandparents caring for their grandchildren .

Your Sincerely

Sue Sutherland
Grandparent
Port Lincoln

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Tracey Denk
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 1:47 PM
To: dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au; bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au; DCP:Minister;
badcoe@parliament.sa.gov.au; Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc
Categories: Jelena, New corro

To
The Premier:
The Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman:
The Minister for Child Protection Rachel Sanderson:
The Shadow Minister for Child Protection Jayne Stinson:
Chief Executive Department of Child Protection Cathy Taylor:

I'm writing to you all as a Parent, a future Grandparent and a Community Member

I have heard this week that the funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc is being cut. After 15 years of establishing themselves in SA as a volunteer service, I understand they were looking at funding to finally pay the invaluable staff an income so they could continue the excellent support to Grandparents and children in our communities and the new government I voted for have decided to defund this fantastic service.

This service is already set up, why are the Government not taking advantage of this!

Who made this decision and how much investigation was done to determine they weren't worthy? Our Government run child protection services are disgusting and could take some lesson from those at Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. These people have done this work because they care for Children and high time the Government recognises them.

I don't think any of you really comprehend how this closure will have a roll on effect in our welfare and child services community

As a Taxpayer I'm asking you to reconsider the funding they have asked for and deserve, it is minimal compared to what you will be up for in the future.
Please investigate this further

Kind Regards
Tracey J Denk

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Dunstan EO <Dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2018 3:21 PM
To: DPC:Office of the Premier
Subject: FW: Grandparents For Grandchildren SA Inc.

From: Garry and Lynette |
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2018 2:52 PM
To: Dunstan EO <Dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Cc: Bragg EO <Bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Florey EO <Florey@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Morialta EO <Morialta@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Hood, Dennis <Dennis.Hood@parliament.sa.gov.au>; ministersanderson@parliament.sa.gov.au; minister.speirs@parliament.sa.gov.au; Stephen.Wade@parliament.s.a.gov.au; Croydon EO <Croydon@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Badcoe EO <badcoe@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Cathy.Taylor4@sa.gov.au
Subject: Grandparents For Grandchildren SA Inc.

Dear Mr Premier,

You will probably not recall my wife and I meeting you at the Supermarket on Norwood Parade. At that time we wished you well for the forthcoming election and reassured you that we would be supporting a Liberal Government. I now find that rather than the support that is needed by the likes of Grandparents For Grandchildren, your government has withdrawn its support (financially).

I chair the Board of GFGSA and have been involved for over ten years. This involvement started because of problems we had with a grandchild and which were subsequently alleviated because of the help they were able to give us. I know that currently they have 1,200 actual clients on their books, but, when you include family members who are usually impacted by these problems, it represents a figure of about 12,000. Now, the funding which we have been asking for represents the cost to government of the support of only two children who are in Statutory care. We are advised that the cost to government of one child is \$466,000 per year.

It is likely that without the required funding we will close our doors on 30th June 2018. Your Government will then be faced with 1,200 clients knocking on the door of DCP with a consequent cost to government of 1,200 X \$466,000 = \$55,920,000 per year. I wonder what taxpayers and those who voted your government into power will think when they look at what are logical assumptions about the comparative cost.

Both sides of government spent much time in Parliament espousing the value of GFGSA- now it is time to "put your money where your mouth is". This of course may mean a directive to The Chief Executive (Cathy Taylor) of DCP.

I look forward to your positive response.

Garry Humphries
Chair,
Grandparents For Grandchildren.

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Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: DCP:Minister
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2018 2:45 PM
To: Peter Biber
Subject: Accepted: MEETING

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: kate dunne
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2018 4:39 PM
To: dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au; DCP:Minister; badcoe@parliament.sa.gov.au; bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au; Nine; GCYP:GCYP; DCP:Legal; DCP:CE Mailbox; Ce.dcp@sa.gov.au; Persse, Rick (Education); peter.biber@gfgsa.com.au
Subject: Cathy Taylor must be sacked - cancellation of funding for Grandparentd for Grandchildren SA
Importance: High

Dear Premier,

I ask that you immediately reinstate the funding so callously and stupidly removed by Cathy Taylor, from Grandparents for Grandchildren SA and sack Cathy Taylor.

It is staggering the funding wasted by Cathy Taylor on legal fees and administrative tasks, to cover up her own incompetence and corruption, whilst at the same time cutting funding to an essential service provider which supports early intervention of vulnerable children. Early intervention was a key element raised in the Nyland report.

Should you require clarification as to the corruptly wasted funds caused by Cathy Taylor, please advise.

Your government cannot continue to support such an incompetent and corrupt CEO.

Your government is carrying an incompetent and corrupt ceo, who is making your government look bad.

I note Cathy Taylor undertook to advise Peter Bieber last week as to funding, and did not so much as have the transparency to follow that undertaking.

Sincerely,

Kate Dunne

Advocate

Hon Stephen Marshall Premier, SA Government
Hon Rachel Sanderson, Minister for Child Protection

Re Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren

From
Janet Barwick

23 May 2018

Dear Rachel

This week your Government is looking at withdrawing funding for a group of people that are potentially saving both the current SA Government and future Governments a huge amount of money – literally millions of dollars.

I am talking about the group Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc <http://www.gfgsa.com.au/> and I am pleading with you to not only reinstate this funding but to give this group more support, acknowledgement on the Department of Child Protection's website, and to encourage them to expand their role in supporting the often elderly grandparents who are endeavouring, without any government support except Family Tax Benefits if applicable, to raise these children to be an asset to our society.

Grandparents for Grandchildren support some of the many thousands of grandparents in this state who care for their grandchildren fulltime. Many of these children would otherwise be in State care under the Minister for Child Protection, or would be suffering neglect, homelessness, abuse, exposure to drugs and crime, and would not be attending school on a regular basis. Their adults lives in many cases would be marked by ill-health, addiction, unemployment, illiteracy and lives of crime.

In Daily, Wed 28th March reports that

Per child expenditure on residential care in 2016-17 was on average \$670,142 compared to \$48,005 in home-based care <https://indaily.com.au/news/2018/03/28/sa-spending-inferior-residential-care-guardian-children/>

Grandparents for Grandchildren are asking for a grant that would cover the cost of 2 such children, but is surely keeping many more than 2 children out of state care as they support us, the carers of these children.

In our case we are informal caregivers for two grandsons, both of whom have needed counselling for the trauma and abuse they have suffered (and sometimes still endure) at the hands of their ice-addicted parents. One of them needs ongoing support with education and health issues, including hearing, auditory processing, speech pathology, educational psychology, tutoring, orthodontist and dental work, etc., which is mostly being paid for from our retirement savings. Apart from Grandparents for Grandchildren there are no other services that give us advice or support as we take up full-time parenting again in our 70s.

One issue that Grandparents for Grandchildren have addressed in the past is the need for families like ours to be able to grant our children access to school excursions, and to be able to access medical and dental services for them, not to mention educational services. Without the 'Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration' form organised by Grandparents for Grandchildren we have no legal rights to sign for any services on behalf of the children in our care. This leads to untenable situations where parents are not easily contactable or not in a state to think or act reasonably on behalf of their children.

I see the Government expressing their concern about the current ice epidemic in our state. I am sure that many of the children in State care are there because of this epidemic. And many of the children in the informal care of grandparents are there for the same reason. The stress of constantly hoping that the parents will not demand to have their children back with them, so they can have a bit more drug money each week, is sometimes unbearable. Last month our 8 year old grandson told me I needed 'to sign a paper that will give him a home when you and Pa die', as he is so aware that neither of his parents are capable of caring for him as he needs to be cared for. But apart from Centrelink payments, there is no government agency that knows or even cares that these children are not with their parents but would need to go back to one of them if something were to happen to us. We have no legal rights at all.

I am very disappointed that the new Department of Child Protection does not acknowledge informal family caregivers except for Indigenous families. The Act seems to only support those children who have been placed under the care of the Minister of Child Protection. I would love to see this changed.

One way to do that would be to fund well the only organisation in this state that cares for and fights for people in our position, whose lives have changed radically as we support these very needy children.

The Child Protection budget may be spent, but it wouldn't take many of the grandparents informal carers to buckle under the strain of having no support and the Department of Child Protection would have no option but to accept these children into care.

- Please do as your own policy states, help fund the early intervention that these grandparents are providing for their grandchildren, and as the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children states, to "Support grandparent, foster and kinship carers to provide safe and stable care"

Yours Sincerely
Jan Barwick

Australian Government Department for Social Services

Protecting Children is Everyone's Business

National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020

- 4.2 Support grandparent, foster and kinship carers to provide safe and stable care

https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/child_protection_framework.pdf

SA Dept of Child Protection

A fresh start

The fresh start program aims to reorientate and reform our child protection system.

Our focus will move from statutory intervention, where children are removed from their homes when it is too late, to a system that connects families with effective, evidence-based early intervention and universal services.

Our system will acknowledge children and young people as experts in their own lives and their voice will be at the centre of our decision making and the design of a new system.

<https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/department/fresh-start>

South Australia Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 Version: 26.2.2018

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28 MAY 2018

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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The Hon. Rachel Sanderson, MP
Minister for Child Protection
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ADELAIDE SA 5000

By email: minister.sanderson@sa.gov.au

CC. The Hon. Steven Marshall, MP
Premier

By email: DPConfficeofthepremier@sa.gov.au


Dear Minister

I write to you regarding the urgent matter of the future of Grandparents for Grandchildren following news of the cessation of state government funding for the organisation which will soon result in its inevitable closure.

Nick Xenophon worked tirelessly advocating on behalf of Grandparents for Grandchildren during the organisation's nascent which continued to grow from strength to strength until the disappointing news last week.

This wonderful organisation has been in operation for the past 15 years in South Australia providing crucial assistance to grandparents with legal guardianship of their grandchildren as well as kinship carers, under informal care arrangements.

The assistance provided by this organisation to thousands of families who care for vulnerable children is too important to lose.

I was dismayed to learn that the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Child Protection failed to respond to the organisation's CEO, Peter Biber, regarding any avenues to find funds to allow the organisation to continue, despite providing an undertaking to do so by Friday, 18 May 2018.

The crucial work undertaken by Grandparents for Grandchildren complements the work of the Department for Child Protection by keeping vulnerable children out of the system.

More importantly, these children are cared for by family members, resulting in considerable savings to the Department than if these children were in the care of the Minister.

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The most recent statistics from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare show that, as of 30 June 2016, there were 46,500 Australian children living in out-of-home care. This has increased from 7.4/1,000 children at 30 June 2011 to 8.6/1,000 children at 30 June 2016.

With the numbers of vulnerable children in out-of-home care continuing to increase, the work of Grandparents for Grandchildren is more crucial than ever and cannot be allowed to wither.

As the Minister for Child Protection, I urge you to intervene to avoid the organisation's closure on 30 June 2018.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you, as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully



Connie Bonaros, MLC

23 May 2018

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

Subject: Meeting: Hon Rachel Sanderson MP, Minister for Child Protection | Peter Biber, CEO | Penny Pratt, Chief of Staff
Location: Level 2, 345 King William Street, Adelaide
Start: Wed 23/05/2018 4:15 PM
End: Wed 23/05/2018 5:15 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: DCP:Minister
Required Attendees: Peter@gfgsa.com.au; Pratt, Penny (DCP)

Good Afternoon

Thank you for meeting with Minister Sanderson at this time. Please accept this meeting request as confirmation.

Kind regards,

Diane

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30 MAY 2018

Aboriginal Advancement League South Australia Incorporated

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Honourable Rachel Sanderson
Minister for Child Protection
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24th May, 2018

Dear Ms Sanderson,

Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren

The Aboriginal Advancement League views with alarm news of the imminent closure of much respected grandparents support group Grandparents for Grandchildren which is doing excellent work in the South Australian community, and especially in respectful collaboration with Aboriginal organisations such as Nunkuwarin Yunti!


The mobile outreach program which Grandparents for Grandchildren have developed means they can work with Indigenous people in the outer suburbs a brilliant initiative that is having a truly positive impact.

As part of a growing trend in Australian society, many Aboriginal grandparents are playing an increasingly significant role in the lives of their grandchildren – as possibly would have been the case in traditional times. Many older Aboriginal people have increased burdens compounding the disadvantage they have suffered over the years through social inequity. Consequently they are now in need of the compassionate targeted support from organisations such as Grandparents for Grandchildren who are prepared to work side-by-side with Aboriginal support groups to enhance the lives of many families under stress.

Such an organisation as Grandparents for Grandchildren is not only vital for the general community but is also a much needed support in the Aboriginal community where resources are stretched to the limits. In economic as well as social terms it seems so short sighted not to fund an organisation that has grown out of a pressing community need and has gathered together such an effective team of dedicated workers with resources they have gained through their own initiative in winning grants for example.

Their operation places only a small demand on government funding particularly when compared to the benefits they achieve for so many children, which includes many Aboriginal younger people.

Yours sincerely,



R Hall
Secretary

29 MAY 2018

Narungga Elders Group

Honourable Rachel Sanderson
Minister for Child Protection
Parliament House
North Terrace
Adelaide SA 5000

24th May, 2018

Dear Ms Sanderson,

On behalf of the Narungga Nation, and especially our elders and grandparents, I would like to express our dismay at the possible closing of Grandparents for Grandchildren. The support we have in the community at the moment for our "grannies" is stretched to the limit and the loss of Grandparents for Grandchildren support will only make life so much harder for many Aboriginal families. And this won't be for people living in Adelaide. Grandparents for Grandchildren go out into the countryside. They have a wonderful mobile service and they always try to link up with Aboriginal support groups at the same time.

It is so devastating for families when children are separated from their brothers and sisters, their aunts and uncles and from their culture when grandparents are there able to help. Keeping children within the family is obviously the way to go particularly for Aboriginal people. Aboriginal support groups are so much in demand that the extra help from Grandparents for Grandchildren is most valuable and it should be continued. Grandparents for Grandchildren often work closely with our community and this is so very important as they are good listeners. It is such a pity that this has happened to an organization that is as caring as Grandparents for Grandchildren.

Over several years I have personally experienced the wonderful assistance that Grandparents for Grandchildren offer when I was looking after my grandchildren. The assistance I gained reduced my stress and concerns considerably. I was surprised to learn that all were volunteers. I think they all deserve to be paid employees because they do such an important job and are really committed.

It is very important that the Government continues the funding of Grandparents for Grandchildren as a top priority as it should for all groups helping children and especially the children with the greatest needs and unfortunately many of our Aboriginal children often fall into this group.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kevin O'Loughlin OAM.
Dr Kevin O'Loughlin OAM

Copies: The Premier, as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Mr Kyam Maher

Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Maryanne Ryan
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 10:16 AM
To: DCP:Minister
Cc: dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren funding

Categories: Forwarded to Minister

Dear Minister,

Today I phoned *Grandparents for Grandchildren* to enquire about their services as I am in touch with many Grandparents requiring support in what can be extremely complex living conditions.

I was outraged to learn that this not-for-profit organisation is at risk of losing their funding and government support.

There are no other support services of this kind for what is a growing population within our community. They are growing in numbers and their support is having such a positive effect on children at risk with so many complex needs to deal with.

Grandparents are not going to stop caring for their grand children. They NEED support. How shameful if what little they have were to be taken away.

Please continue to support *Grandparents for Grandchildren*.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Anne Ryan



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25th May 2018

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Dear Hon Rachel Sanderson,

I write in regards to future sustainability of *Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc (GFGSA)*. My team and I at Flinders University fully support the unique and vital work that GFGSA does in supporting grandparents and other kinship carers of young children across South Australia to ensure at-risk children are cared for in a safe, happy and healthy environment. The service provided by GFGSA should not be under-estimated because they support both our elderly and young populations at a time in their lives when they are vulnerable.

Flinders University College of Nursing and Health Sciences have valued our collaboration with GFGSA to understand the nutritional and physical activity needs of grandparents and grandchildren. Our 2016 study found that these grandparents are strongly committed to providing a healthy eating and physical activity environment for their grandchildren and feel that the Government does not provide them with adequate support, with currently few services specifically tailored to support the needs of custodial and other kinship grandcarers. These grandcarers often experience unexpected social isolation, financial, and health problems, which impacts on their ability to care for their grandchildren, and GFGSA is the only service in South Australia, and indeed Australia-wide, that provides tailored financial, emotional and services support. The grandparents in our study were undeniably grateful for the outstanding support they received from GFGSA during their toughest times, and thus it would be a tragedy if their work was to discontinue.

We urge you to continue supporting this voluntary, non-for profit, organisation and in turn the work they do to support the community, in particular our most vulnerable children and our older citizens who continue to contribute in an important way to social wellbeing. Their services are vital and without them, society would indeed be more impoverished than it already is.

Yours sincerely,

Associate Professor Kaye Mehta
on behalf of the Grandparents Research Group

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Fenech, Christian (DCP)

From: Adelaide EO <Adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 1:19 PM
To: DCP:Minister
Subject: FW: [rachelsanderson] Meghan Ahrens left feedback on Contact
Categories: Forwarded to Minister

From: NationBuilder
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 1:13 PM
To: Adelaide EO
Subject: [rachelsanderson] Meghan Ahrens left feedback on Contact

"To Ms Rachel Sanderson, South Australia is home to the award-winning organisation Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc which is run by volunteers to support kinship carers and grandparents who are keeping their grandchildren out of the foster care system. Unfortunately, the funding for this organisation had been axed, and the organisation will have no choice but to close their doors. This would have terrible effects on the carers who rely on the legal advice and support of this organisation, along with the children who would become stuck in the foster care system, unable to get to their grandparents and kinship carers. This is a devastating thing for our indigenous community who have a strong culture of kinship care. I am sending this message in order to express my grave concern about this issue and to ask that you please support South Australian children and carers by giving funding back to this noble organisation. Looking forward to your support, Meghan Ahrens"

Meghan Ahrens

Email:

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Hon. Rachel Sanderson MP

Minister for Child Protection

Tuesday 29 May 2018

GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN

Mr Speaker, I rise to make a Ministerial Statement.

I am pleased to advise the House that today I met with the Chief Executive Officer, of Grandparents for Grandchildren, Peter Biber and I was able to advise him on behalf of the Marshall Liberal Government that budget funding of \$369,000 over three years has been approved.

For weeks now I have been advocating for **Grandparents for Grandchildren** to identify funding to support family members who care for children to prevent them from ending up in state care.

There have been two aspects to this matter.

Firstly, the House will recall that the Nyland Royal Commission recommendations were handed down in August 2016.

Recommendation 116 is to "Fund Connecting Foster Carers, or an appropriate alternative agency, to deliver an advocacy service with paid staff to support carers to access and exercise their rights."

The former government endorsed a KPMG recommendation for a single advocacy body so on 12th December 2017 a tender was opened and on January 23rd 2018 the process had closed.

The submissions for tender are confidential however it is well documented that Grandparents for Grandchildren was not successful and they were notified by the Department for Child Protection on the 9th May.

On the second matter of recurring funding.

On the 17th May, Mr Biber indicated that for many years Grandparents for Grandchildren "were invited to submit our requests/budgets for funding in the month of November and were advised of the outcome the following June. We received no such request last November or any time since."

Mr Biber has indicated that the former government had already signalled there would be no further funding.

On the 2nd May, Peter wrote that his previous dealings with the former Labor Government resulted in 'broken commitments and unfulfilled promises'. Grandparents for Grandchildren were repeatedly told: wait for the new department; wait for the new CEO; wait for the tender process to begin and to close.

A lack of communication during that tender period lead Grandparents for Grandchildren to believe that they would be in receipt of ongoing funding as they had done previously regardless of the tender outcome.

A decision was made to provide funding for relocation costs which allowed the organisation to take on a larger office space with a 5 year lease without a commitment of future funding to pay the rent.

My department has been put under unacceptable financial pressure because of Labor's failure to manage child protection and my first responsibility is always to children in my care. The best interests of the children and young people under my guardianship is at the heart of all decisions and policies implemented.

I have known Peter for a long time and I have been an advocate to many organisations in my 4 years as Shadow Minister and I plan to continue that advocacy role as a Minister.

I have worked with Peter and my ministerial colleagues through a process that has been measured, considered and respectful of all parties.

Under a Marshall Liberal Government, South Australians will see responsible decision making with taxpayers money.

This announcement has required my advocacy to find a solution where none existed.

Grandparent carers in our community play a key role by providing financial, physical and emotional support while maintaining secure attachments for their grandchildren. \$369,000 from a Marshall Liberal Government over 3 years will make a difference to many.

I am pleased that I have been able to deliver this as the Minister for Child Protection.

The Hon Rob Lucas MLC



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of South Australia

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TO: HON RACHEL SANDERSON MP
MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION

HON MICHELLE LENSINK MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

RE: FUNDING FOR GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA

I refer to your minute of 25 May 2018 seeking additional budget funding of \$369,000 over three years, to support the work of Grandparents for Grandchildren SA.

I have noted your advice in relation to the benefit to the community of the services currently provided by this organisation.

Accordingly, I advise that I have approved a transfer of expenditure authority from budgeted central contingency provisions to the Department of Human Services of \$120,000 in 2018-19, \$123,000 in 2019-20 and \$126,000 in 2020-21, for this purpose.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Lucas".

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

29 May 2018

cc: Premier

Pratt, Penny (DCP)

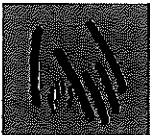
From: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 2:12 PM
To: 'Peter Biber'
Subject: RE: Request for Access to Video

Hi Peter,

Sitting days get busy as you might imagine. I'll see what I can find for you.

Regards
Penny

From: Peter Biber [mailto:Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 11:11 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP) <Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Request for Access to Video

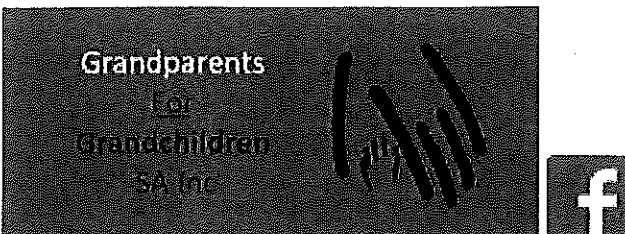


Hi Penny

I requested a copy of the video of Rachel's presentation of her Ministerial Statement in question time yesterday and was advise that you could secure and provide me with a copy. May I have one please?

Kind Regards
Pete

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Dear INSERT NAME

Thank you for your letter of support for Grandparents for Grandchildren on xxx.

I am writing to advise you that I, with the Marshall Liberal Government have successfully negotiated a sustainable funding arrangement for Grandparents for Grandchildren, of \$369,000 over the next three years.

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I am pleased to have been able to find the funding for this important organisation which is to be delivered by the Department for Human Services in recognition of its important services into the future.

Thank you for your correspondence and please find attached my Ministerial Statement to the Parliament on 29 May 2018.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Sanderson
Minister for Child Protection

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Parkins, Jelena (DCP)
Cc: Peters, Rosemary (DCP)
Subject: RE: GFGSA Endorsed Letter
Attachments: Grandparents For Grandchildren SA Inc - Funding Request - Minister for C....obr

Hi Ladies

All GFG queries are in the attached file. We just need to ensure all the physical folders are included in this pack.

Cheers

Elizabeth Staniford

Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
P. 830 32962

From: Parkins, Jelena (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 7:56 AM
To: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) <Elizabeth.Staniford3@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Peters, Rosemary (DCP) <Rosemary.Peters@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: GFGSA Endorsed Letter

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Do you know of a file that has all the GFGSA support letters

From: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2018 5:05 PM
To: DCP:Minister <Minister.Sanderson@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Clark, Brendan (DCP) <Brendan.Clark@sa.gov.au>; Fenech, Ch
Subject: FW: GFGSA Endorsed Letter

Hi Jelena and Rosemary,

Can you please work with me to ensure that correspondents on the matter of funding for GfG receive this new and final version of the standard response as well as the Ministerial Statement, attached.
The Minister would like this completed by the end of the week.
Can the latest document please be saved into Objective.

For email:

Dear INSERT NAME

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Thank you for your correspondence and please find attached my Ministerial Statement to the Parliament on 29 May 2018.

Thank you everyone for the role you have played in keeping this piece of correspondence moving.

Regards

Penny

From: Cunningham, Kate [<mailto:Kate.Cunningham@parliament.sa.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2018 2:21 PM

To: Pratt, Penny (DCP) <Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au>

Cc: Meyer, Josie <Josie.Meyer@parliament.sa.gov.au>

Subject: GFGSA Endorsed Letter

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Heard, Julie (DCP)
Sent: Monday, 4 June 2018 2:11 PM
To: Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Cc: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: 18MCP/0270 - B198507 - Premier's Office - Garry Humphries - Chair - Grandparents for Grandchildren - Funding - 2018-05-21 (A19020115)
Attachments: 18MCP_0270 - B198507 - Premier's Office - Garry Humphries - Chair - Grandparents for Grandchildren - Funding - 2018-05-21.obr

Hi Brendan

This email from the Chair of Grandparents for Grandchildren received today in the inbox (via Premier's office).

Kind Regards

lie

Heard, Julie - WJXHEA has sent you a link to "18MCP/0270 - B198507 - Premier's Office - Garry Humphries - Chair - Grandparents for Grandchildren - Funding - 2018-05-21" (A19020115) from Objective.

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Heard, Julie (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 1:41 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Cc: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA - Announcement of Funding Approval - 2018-05-29 (A18988286)
Attachments: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA - Announcement of Funding Approval - 2018-05-29.obr

Hi Penny and Brendan

Please find attached Objective link for Grandparents for grandchildren's announcement email received yesterday.

Kind Regards

 Julie

Heard, Julie - WJXHEA has sent you a link to "Grandparents for Grandchildren SA - Announcement of Funding Approval - 2018-05-29" (A18988286) from Objective.

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Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 2:41 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Cc: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: 18MCP/0187 (fA4027677) - link to folder for Connie Bonaros's letter and Premier's request for a soft copy
Attachments: 18MCP_0187.obr

Hi Penny and Brendan

The Office of the Premier has requested a copy of DCP's response to Connie Bonaros's letter regarding funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren.

Please see all correspondence in folder 18MCP/0187. Objective link attached.

 Kind Regards
Julie

Heard, Julie - WJXHEA has sent you a link to "18MCP/0187" (fA4027677) from Objective.

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From: Heard, Julie (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 1:39 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Cc: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: 18MCP/0222 - Ron Hall - Aboriginal Advancement League South Australia Incorporated - Grandparents and Grandchildren - Funding - 2018-05-24 (A18992739)
Attachments: 18MCP_0222 - Ron Hall - Aboriginal Advancement League South Australia Incorporated - Grandparents and Grandchildren - Funding - 2018-05-24.obr

Hi Penny and Brendan

Please find attached Objective link for letter received today.

Kind Regards

 Julie

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 12:27 PM
To: Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: FW: JS - GFG Media

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From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 11:23 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP) <Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au>
Subject: JS - GFG Media

Jayne Stinson, Shadow Child Protection Minister (SAA 10.53-10.55) Funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren

(Byner: I've had a call from the Shadow Child Protection Minister, Jayne Stinson ... what can you tell me?) Well breaking news, hot off the press ... through the grapevine I've managed to just find out that the Government, the Minister for Child Protection, Rachel Sanderson has finally decided to backflip on her decision to cut funding to the organisation Grandparents for Grandchildren ... it's a shame of course, that the decision was made in the first place to cut their funding but ... I applaud the Government, they've seen sense and decided to re-fund this really important organisation. It has come after quite a lot of pressure. Your program for example has been ... fighting on behalf of grandparents and this organisation to make sure that the Government does realise the great value and the great difference they make to little kids lives and the support we should be offering our grandparents who are looking after their grandchildren in really tough circumstances. It's a shame that it's taken media pressure, lots of questions in Question Time but it's a great result for Grandparents for Grandchildren and they'll be getting, as I understand it, about \$120,000 a year for the next three years, just as they were funded by Labor over the last ten years to about that tune as well. So it's a good day for grandparents. There's a bit more work to be done to ensure their ongoing viability but certainly I congratulate the Government for seeing sense and reversing what was quite a ridiculous decision. (Byner: Thank you for calling us Jayne and I congratulate Minister Sanderson for doing that. I think that's a sensible decision and she did say when we spoke with her a couple of weeks

ago that she was working with our last speaker to try and achieve a satisfactory outcome and the only one that could have been was to make sure that mum and pop have some representation ...)

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Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
P: 830 32962

Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 9:46 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: FW: 9. Grand Parents for Grandchildren (2).docx
Attachments: 9. Grand Parents for Grandchildren (2).docx

Hi Penny

Please find attached the updated version of the GFG PBN. Please let me know if you would like this printed into the folder for the Minister.

Thanks

Elizabeth Staniford
Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
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From: Cassidy, Leah (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 9:45 AM
To: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) <Elizabeth.Staniford3@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Staniford, Ann-Marie (DCP) <Ann-Marie.Staniford2@sa.gov.au>; Burns, Katy (Catherine) (DCP) <Catherine.Burns2@sa.gov.au>
Subject: 9. Grand Parents for Grandchildren (2).docx

Hi Elizabeth,
Updated PBN for GP4GK with requested changes from the CE, can you please ensure Penny and the Minister have this approved version as I understand Penny was sent an advanced copy last night prior to CE approval.

Regards

Leah

Leah Cassidy

A/Director

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Colegate, Rachael (DTF)
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 12:18 PM
To: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: RE: Grandparents for Grandchildren

No worries.

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 12:17 PM
To: Colegate, Rachael (DTF) <Rachael.Colegate@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Grandparents for Grandchildren

Hi Rachael

That's fine I'll forward it now. I just wanted to double check before I clicked send.

Thanks for the speedy response!

Elizabeth

From: Colegate, Rachael (DTF)
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 12:16 PM
To: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) <Elizabeth.Staniford3@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Grandparents for Grandchildren

Good afternoon Elizabeth

No a copy hasn't been sent to the Premier's Office. Would you like me to forward this to the Premier's Office?

Kind regards
Rachael

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 12:10 PM
To: Colegate, Rachael (DTF) <Rachael.Colegate@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren

Hi Rachael

I understand Penny Pratt forwarded you a copy of a signed minute relating to Grandparents for Grandchildren.

I am just confirming if a copy of this has been forwarded to the Premier's Office.

Kind regards

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Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) on behalf of DCP:Minister
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 10:33 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: FW: Grandparents for Grandchildren funding

Morning

Corro regarding GFG Funding. Note this was also sent to the Premier's EO.

Thanks

Elizabeth Staniford
Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
P: 830 32962

From: Maryanne Ryan [mailto:maryanne.ryan@y7mail.com]
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 10:16 AM
To: DCP:Minister <Minister.Sanderson@sa.gov.au>
Cc: dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: Grandparents for Grandchildren funding

Dear Minister,

Today I phoned *Grandparents for Grandchildren* to enquire about their services as I am in touch with many Grandparents requiring support in what can be extremely complex living conditions.

I was outraged to learn that this not-for-profit organisation is at risk of losing their funding and government support.

There are no other support services of this kind for what is a growing population within our community. They are growing in numbers and their support is having such a positive effect on children at risk with so many complex needs to deal with.

Grandparents are not going to stop caring for for their grand children. They NEED support. How shameful if what little they have were to be taken away.

Please continue to support *Grandparents for Grandchildren*.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Anne Ryan

Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) on behalf of DCP:Minister
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 9:19 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: FW: Correspondence from the Hon. Connie Bonaros, MLC
Attachments: Ltr to R. Sanderson (Minister).pdf

Morning

Correspondence from Connie Bonaros MLC regarding GFG Funding. Please note this was also sent to the Premier's Office.

Thanks

Elizabeth Staniford
Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
P: 830 32962

From: Casbarra, Patrizia [mailto:Patrizia.Casbarra@parliament.sa.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 24 May 2018 3:56 PM
To: DCP:Minister <Minister.Sanderson@sa.gov.au>
Cc: DPC:Office of the Premier <DPCOfficeofthePremier@sa.gov.au>; Dutton, Amanda <Amanda.Dutton@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence from the Hon. Connie Bonaros, MLC

Dear Minister

I attach correspondence from the Hon. Connie Bonaros, MLC for your urgent attention, regarding the future of Grandparents for Grandchildren.

Yours faithfully

Patrizia Casbarra | Legislative Adviser
Office of Hon Connie Bonaros MLC and Hon Frank Pangallo MLC | Members of the Legislative Council
Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide

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From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 9:15 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: GFG Funding - Fraser Ellis
Attachments: 01 - Fraser Ellis - Grandparents for Grandchildren Funding.pdf

Morning

Please see attached correspondence from Fraser Ellis regarding GFG Funding. This has been moved to the Minister along with a copy of the information Brendan provided to his EO.

Thanks

Elizabeth Staniford

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From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP) on behalf of DCP:Minister
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 9:14 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Clark, Brendan (DCP)
Subject: FW: Correspondence
Attachments: SandersonR240518.pdf

Morning

Please see correspondence from Nat Cook relating to GFG. This has been moved to the Minister also.

Thanks

Elizabeth Staniford
Parliamentary and Cabinet Officer
830 32962

From: Hurtle Vale EO [mailto:HurtleVale@parliament.sa.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 24 May 2018 4:44 PM
To: DCP:Minister <Minister.Sanderson@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence

Please find the attached correspondence from Nat regarding funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren.

Kind regards,

Office of Nat Cook

State Member for Hurtle Vale

PO Box 158, Woodcroft SA 5162
Temporary Address 967 South Road, Melrose Park SA 5039
P: +61 8 8299 0395
E: hurtlevale@parliament.sa.gov.au



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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Fenech, Christian (DCP)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 10:37 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Cc: Clark, Brendan (DCP); Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: Urgent: 10.25am - Telephone Message
Attachments: TRS18D0829 - Final.pdf

Hi Penny

Trish from the Treasurer's office phoned to advise the Treasurer has signed off on additional budget funding of \$369,000 over three years for GfG. Copy attached FYI.

Regards

Chris Fenech

Manager

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The Hon Rob Lucas MLC



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**TO: HON RACHEL SANDERSON MP
MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION**

**HON MICHELLE LENSINK MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

RE: FUNDING FOR GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA

I refer to your minute of 25 May 2018 seeking additional budget funding of \$369,000 over three years, to support the work of Grandparents for Grandchildren SA.

I have noted your advice in relation to the benefit to the community of the services currently provided by this organisation.

Accordingly, I advise that I have approved a transfer of expenditure authority from budgeted central contingency provisions to the Department of Human Services of \$120,000 in 2018-19, \$123,000 in 2019-20 and \$126,000 in 2020-21, for this purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Lucas".

Hon Rob Lucas MLC
Treasurer

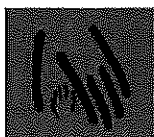
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cc: Premier

Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Peter Biber <Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 June 2018 11:26 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: RE: FUNDING

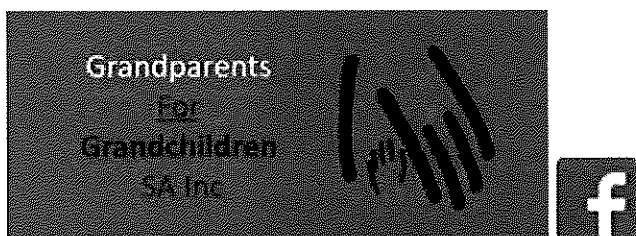
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It's all good Penny, draft documentation has just arrived!

Kind Regards
Pete

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From: Peter Biber
Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 8:37 AM
To: Penny Pratt <penny.pratt@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FUNDING



Good morning Penny

With whom should I liaise in DHS regarding contract negotiations? Time is quickly slipping by.....

Kind Regards
Pete

Peter Biber BCom (Hons) UNSW

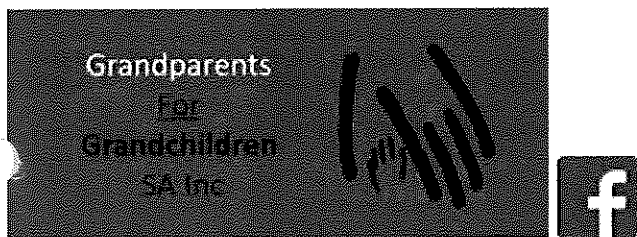
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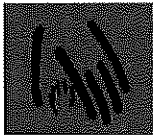
From: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 2:12 PM
To: 'Peter Biber'
Subject: RE: Request for Access to Video

Hi Peter,

Sitting days get busy as you might imagine. I'll see what I can find for you.

Regards
Penny

From: Peter Biber [mailto:Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 11:11 AM
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Subject: Request for Access to Video

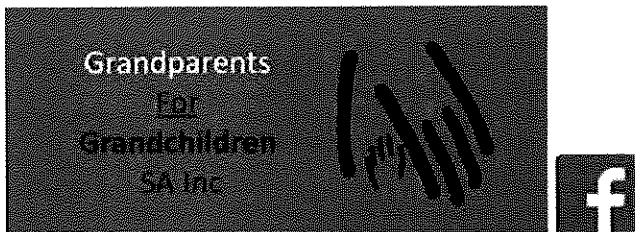


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TO: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHILD PROTECTION

FOR APPROVAL

**RE: PAYMENT TOWARDS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
RELOCATION OF GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA
INC.**

1. PURPOSE:

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. (GfG) are seeking funding assistance to relocate to larger premises.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1. In 2004, Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. (GfG) were established in South Australia to provide a range of services to grandparents concerned with the welfare of their grandchildren.
- 2.2. GfG assists grandparents raising their grandchildren by providing access to information and financial support. Support is also provided to grandparents providing care to children and young people under Guardianship of the Minister.
- 2.3. The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) funds GfG through an auspice arrangement with Anglicare SA for administration of the service. The current service agreement expires on 30 June 2016.

Accommodation History

- 2.4. In April 2009, GfG moved from their premises located in the Torrens Building, Victoria Square, Adelaide to premises at 102-104 Wright Street, Adelaide. Department for Families and Communities (DFC) provided funding assistance towards refurbishment and rent for the first year.
- 2.5. Additional funding was provided by the Department for Premier and Cabinet (DPC) for five years with right of renewal to be negotiated. Management of the additional funding assistance was then transferred to the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI).
- 2.6. The DCSI accommodation funding was extended from February 2014 to 30 June 2015 (refer previous briefings 13MECD1107, 13MECD1107.2, 13MECD1116 and 13MECD1271.1).
- 2.7. In January 2014, Service Accountability undertook a review of the GfG service in partnership with GfG. As a result, the service agreement was renewed for a one year period (1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015) with two 12 month extension options.
- 2.8. On 30 June 2015 DCSI ceased funding of GfG accommodation. Subsequently, from 1 July 2015, DECD has provided additional funding of \$51,750 (ex GST) to GfG to cover the cost of accommodation in 2015/16.

- 2.9. In 2015, the service agreement was extended until 30 June 2016.
- 2.10. Extension from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2017 is pending approval for Families SA to extend all grant funded service agreements expiring on 30 June 2016 for a further 12 months.
- 2.11. The GfG current funding per annum inclusive of the two term extension options is:
 2014/15 – \$39,332 (ex GST) Program Funding
 2015/16 – \$92,654 (ex GST) Program and Accommodation Funding
 2016/17 – \$95,432 (ex GST) Program and Accommodation Funding

3. DISCUSSION:

- 3.1. On 3 September 2015, Mr Peter Biber Chief Executive Officer, advised GfG would be exploring other larger more suitable accommodation options with a focus on accessibility for members.
- 3.2. In January 2016, Mr Biber submitted a Business Case (Refer Attachment 1) requesting additional funding to relocate from 104 Wright Street Adelaide to larger premises at 134-136A Wright Street Adelaide.
- 3.3. The lease at 104 Wright Street is current until 1 February 2017 and is currently being advertised for further lease at \$55,500 plus \$7,500 outgoings pa from February 2017.
- 3.4. In considering the Business Case, GfG were advised that they would be required to explore other options including consideration of locations outside the Adelaide CBD. (Refer Attachment 2 – Relocation Addendum for Adelaide CBD preference).
- 3.5. GfG were also asked to provide a Proposed Expenditure Report for 2016/17 under the proposed relocation to 134-136A Wright Street. The proposed expenditure includes additional accommodation funding from 2016/17 pa, approximate moving costs and potential break lease fees (Refer Attachment 3).

4. ADVICE FROM OTHERS: N/A

- 5. **SENSITIVE:** Yes. Historical GfG have met with Ministers to discuss funding and service requirements.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Yes

- 6.1. GfG seeks an additional \$65,440 relocation costs for 2016/17 and in subsequent years the additional funding will be reduced to \$20,250.
- 6.2. The Service Accountability Unit recognises and values the GfG services. However the 2016/17 grant funds are already committed to out of home care (OOHC) and family support programs. Therefore the full GfG proposal cannot be supported.
- 6.3. The Service Accountability Unit supports an additional \$20,250 pa (ex GST) and up to \$10,000 (ex GST) in one off moving expenses to be managed as a cost pressure.
- 6.4. Service Accountability does not support the request for additional funds of up to \$30,190 to cover potential 'break lease' fees.
- 6.5. The 2016/17 total cost of contract with base and additional funding is \$115,682 pa (ex GST) and contribution of up to \$10,000 (ex GST) towards re-location costs.

7. MEDIA: Yes. Historical information indicates that GfG have considerable media connections.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: No

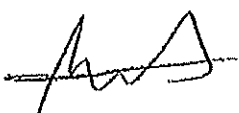
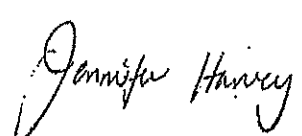
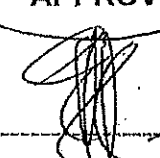
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Relocation Business Case
2. Relocation Addendum
3. Proposed Expenditure 2016/17
4. Suggested letter of response to Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Deputy Chief Executive notes the content of this briefing, endorses the suggested letter to be sent to GfG and approves the following:

- Additional funding \$20,250 (ex GST) for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017 and contribution of up to \$10,000 (ex GST) towards relocation costs.
- Variation of Contract for GfG FSA015-03 Peak Bodies for Grandparents in South Australia Service Agreement to include base and additional relocation funding. The total cost of contract is \$115,682 (ex GST) and up to \$10,000 (ex GST) towards to re-location costs.

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| <p>Contributor: Julie Lynch Service Accountability Phone: 8463 7189</p> <p>Manager: Leanne Haddad Service Accountability Unit Phone: 8226 6713</p> |  <p>..... Anthony Creek Assistant Director Financial Accounting</p> <p>24 / 02 / 2016</p> |  <p>..... Jennifer Harvey A/Director Policy and Reporting</p> <p>29 / 2 / 2016</p> |
| <p>Comments:</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED / NOTED</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Etienne Scheepers DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE CHILD PROTECTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 / 2 / 2016</p> | |

ATTACHMENT 1

**RE: PAYMENT TOWARDS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
RELOCATION OF GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA
INC.**

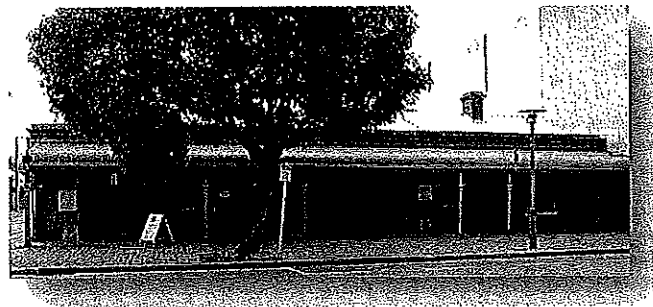
Copy of Relocation Business Case



GFGSA OFFICE RELOCATION

BUSINESS CASE

January 2016



MISSION STATEMENT

*To enhance the welfare of children at risk or in crisis by increasing the capacity of grandparents to care for them within a safe, loving, healthy and supportive environment:
As is their birthright.*

GFGSA

Our Charter is to offer charitable assistance to all who seek our services. We recognise that in order to ensure the needs of children are met, we must work in full support of Grandparents, who for whatever reason, have taken on the role of carers of their Grandchildren.

In line with our objective, GFGSA responds to issues raised by Grandparents who are having difficulty within the bureaucracy in respect to raising and caring for their Grandchildren. Grandparents may be confronted with a wide range of diverse issues that can impede them in their endeavours to raise their Grandchildren in today's society. GFGSA in collaboration with our network of associates within State and Federal Governments and other allied organisations are able to assist Grandparents through the pathways of bureaucratic and culture impediments. The key to obtaining our objective "Welfare of Children" is through the Grandparents, and in order to do so GFGSA must be conversant with a wide range of issues and be able to respond in a manner that is directed towards a positive outcome.

GFGSA is a not for profit incorporated association that relies solely on volunteers whose work plays a very important role within our social structure.



ACCOMMODATION HISTORY

- GFGSA was born almost 14 years ago in the private home of our founders, John and Denise Langton OAM. John and Denise who had experienced the trauma, distress, angst and frustrations of battling through the bureaucracy to access and care for their grandchildren who were at severe risk, soon recognised there were many other grandparents facing the same battle, and that there was a dire need for experienced people to assist them.
- Due to the high and rapidly increasing demand as their services became better known amongst the demographic and in fact other associated service providers, with the generous assistance of Government, GFGSA was relocated to the Torrens Building on Victoria Square from wherein it operated until 2009.
- At that time Government determined the Torrens Building was better suited to other purposes and relocated GFGSA to privately owned office accommodation at 104 Wright Street Adelaide where we still reside today.

CURRENT SITUATION

- For a few years now, our current accommodation has become inadequate with insufficient and inappropriate client interview areas (which for obvious reasons require a modicum of privacy and comfort); insufficient offices for our volunteers – even though hot-swap desks are used by volunteers performing compatible roles; a lack of a general meeting area for our client members; a lack of suitable and cost effective parking for our clients who are mostly existing on pensions and extremely tight budgets; and a desire to move out of a clinical office environment into a friendlier, comforting, more welcoming ambience.
- GFGSA has been undergoing a renaissance with the induction of a new team of volunteers and the return to our traditional *raison d'être* and service delivery. This has brought about a substantial increase in business which, in conjunction with the unfortunate spiraling trend currently present in our society, compounds our need for more space for both clients and volunteers.
- The spiraling trend referred to above is clearly exemplified by statistics showing that more than 52% of the children in care in SA is being undertaken by grandparents. This figure is replicated across Australia and unfortunately in most of the western world. Furthermore, it is a figure that is growing.
- These statistics and the increase in the number of GFGSA clients (now averaging about 15 per month with a substantial proportion being referrals from Families SA, Centrelink and other affiliated NGOs) validate the increasing need for our services as a crucial support facility for mainstream Government service providers.



PROPOSED RELOCATION

In searching for more appropriate accommodation, we have identified a highly suitable and desirable property situated at 134-136A Wright Street Adelaide.

BENEFITS

- Same street (adjacent block) as our present location – close to Courts, legal practitioners etc.
- More than 80% (254m²) more space than our current premises.
- Easy wheelchair and pram access. (An essential and often limiting consideration).
- Colonial style bluestone cottage environment – friendly and comforting.
- Appropriate bathroom and kitchen facilities.
- Ducted air conditioning.
- Fully Cat-5 cabled and wired.
- Easily accessible by public transport – busses, trams and trains.
- 11 carparking spaces. This is critical both for the benefit of our clients and to attract volunteers whose services are restricted due to the substantial cost of parking in the CBD.

COST ANALYSIS

- Our current rental is \$51,750 pa for 140m² and the new location is \$72,000 pa for 254m². These properties are in the same location in the Adelaide CBD so all other factors are comparable – such as outgoings. These figures equate to an 80% increase in area for a 40% increase in cost. PLUS the additional no-cost benefits of 11 car bays (which in the CBD equates to \$26,500 pa).

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED (First year only)

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Additional Accommodation | \$20,250 |
| Moving Costs (approx) | \$15,000 |
| Break Lease (7 months) | \$30,190 |
| TOTAL | \$65,440 |

The Break Lease figure is purely an unknown but for this submission has been based from the commencement date of the next funding round being 1 July 2016 with the worst case assumption that our current property is not re-leased.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED (Subsequent years)

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|--------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL | \$20,250 |
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CAVEATS

This submission has been based on the assumption that if this additional funding were to be approved, it would take effect from within our next funding round commencing 1 July 2016. However:

- The desired property may have been leased by that time and therefore unavailable to GFGSA.
- If the property is still available at that time and we relocate, the 7 month Break Lease figure could be reduced at any time thereafter should our current premises be re-leased.
- Alternatively, our current premises which are now on the market for lease



may soon be re-leased requiring GFGSA to relocate earlier. This would save on the Break Lease cost quoted above, but we would be required to find the additional rental costs until 1 July 2016. This would be the desired option for all parties and therefore might be worth advising the Government's DPTI leasing division of its immediate availability. (There would however be no obligation for us to relocate in these circumstances as we are still protected by the current lease).

CONCLUSION

There is recognition by both Government and the wider South Australian community that there is a need, a growing need for the services provided by GFGSA. The Government has been generous in its support to date but as our tireless founders, John Langton and Denise Langton look forward to a very well deserved and overdue retirement, a new level of sustainability for the organisation needs to be sought and secured. Whilst on the one hand the current growing team of volunteers is working hard to glean the enormous amount of knowledge and experience from John and Denise to be able to continue their exceptional work, others are focused on building the business model and developing and establishing financial and administrative systems and procedures to facilitate the responsible resourcing and management of recurrent funding.

GFGSA also has a brand new Board of Management voted in at our AGM late last year comprising an eclectic membership including past members who have been through the GFGSA system as grandparents, an executive director of a kindred NGO, an indigenous rural representative experienced in associated services, and our new Chairman also a former GFGSA board member and with substantial business and financial prowess.

To achieve this we need to consolidate our base. GFGSA needs a place to call home that becomes identifiable by its clients as their second home. A refuge. A place to seek guidance, advice and advocacy. A place where people will listen to them. A place where they can meet with other grandparents in similar situations and interact. GFGSA needs a place which will attract volunteers and to this extent, the carparking facilities will be of huge benefit.

GFGSA needs a place for the longer term and a place to continue to grow. There are even ideas for future amalgamations with kindred NGOs; a concept viewed favourably by Government.

For all these reasons and more, we sincerely trust this submission is viewed favourably enabling GFGSA to grow into its next incarnation.

Peter R Biber
CEO
Grandparents FOR Grandchildren SA

8 January 2016
Relocation Business Case

ATTACHMENT 2

**RE: PAYMENT TOWARDS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
RELOCATION OF GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA
INC.**

Copy of Addendum



ADDENDUM

GFGSA OFFICE RELOCATION

BUSINESS CASE

January 2016

The main area of concern to Government when considering the relocation of GFGSA will be the increase in cost. The key determinants to cost are the size of the premises and its location.

SIZE

We have outlined the need for additional space as we have outgrown our current accommodation. We have also identified a need for a more homely style of premises better suited to both the demographic and circumstance of our clients. Logically there will be an increase in the rental figure with an increase in area. Whilst it is possible that this increase might be reduced if GFGSA were to relocate to a suburban centre, such a move would be deleterious to our business and our clients.

LOCATION

Since its inception, GFGSA has maintained a city location which has positively impacted our growth, strengthened our profile, enhanced our awareness in the eyes of the broader community, assisted our longevity, facilitated access to us by all stakeholders and has become synonymous with our identity. The search for suitable accommodation began in earnest in September 2015 and has been ongoing. Numerous properties have been investigated – most in the city and close environs – and a few in the inner suburbs. On average, the latter premises viewed offered about 40% more space than our current location which would probably accommodate our present needs, but would offer no room for growth. Furthermore, commercial premises of this order of size in these inner suburban locations were all of a sterile office environment which does not suit our requirements.

There are numerous reasons in support of the need for GFGSA to be located in the city. Whilst we clearly recognise that cost is an issue, to be located and housed in an environment that meets the needs of our business, our clients and our volunteer workforce is of paramount importance. It is this which will enable GFGSA to continue to deliver its unique service and at the same time, facilitate its growth.



Substantiating reasons include:

- The majority of GFGSA's business is conducted in the CBD. It would be impractical and very costly for volunteer staff to continually travel to the CBD by taxi or public transport for meetings and other business related functions. Valuable time would also be wasted and as the time offered GFGSA by its volunteers is limited, this could become quite untenable.
- Transport links. Clients from all areas of Adelaide and even rural areas can easily access GFGSA in the city via a combination of trains, busses and trams. Compared to a suburban location, a few minutes walking time is the maximum required – an important consideration for our elderly clientele. For those driving, GFGSA provides clients with 1 hour free parking vouchers in the Central Markets carpark (kindly provided by Adelaide City Council).
- Proximity to the Federal Family Court and the Adelaide Youth Court. An essential part of our business is court attendances as advocates for our clients. We also attend regular Family Meetings held by Families SA and on numerous occasions a Judge or a Magistrate from either court will direct unrepresented plaintiffs to immediately visit GFGSA ("down the road" or "across the road") to seek the services of an advocate. GFGSA is also a key member of the SA Family Law Pathways Network, the Young Peoples Family Law Advisory Group and the Children's Committee Working Group headed by Circuit Court Judge Peter Cole – all of which meet regularly at the Family Court.
- Proximity to a network of lawyers, barristers and allied legal practitioners experienced in family law and the modus operandi of GFGSA and the needs of our clients. We have developed a strong working relationship across this network which even offers our more needy clients pro bono services from time to time.
- Easily locatable by our elderly clients compared to searching for potentially difficult to find locations in the suburbs. Furthermore, as the majority of our clients are pensioners, trips to the city are rare. After what might be a stressful visit to the courts and/or GFGSA, to be able to ease tensions by browsing the Central Markets, city shops and department stores, the parks, or just having a coffee very much aids the healing process. It also facilitates opportunities for visits/meetings with other businesses or Government utilities and services located in the CBD.
- Proximity to allied Government Departments with whom we meet regularly such as Department of Education and Child Development (DECD), Families SA, Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI), Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People (GCYP), MyGov on Grenfell (Centrelink, myagedcare, Child Support, NDIS, Medicare & ATO), Women's and Children's Hospital, Parliament House and South Australia Police.



- Proximity to aligned NGOs such as Anglicare, Shelter SA, Salvation Army, Red Cross and more.

PREMISES VIEWED

Some of the premises viewed since September 2015 include the following:

| ADDRESS | AREA | COMMENT | \$pa | \$/m ² |
|--|-------------------|--|------|-------------------|
| National Council for Women South Terrace ADELAIDE | 100m ² | Too small | - | - |
| 43A Wright Street ADELAIDE | 172m ² | 2 floors. 1 car bay. Unsuitable for elderly clients | - | - |
| 199 Sturt Street ADELAIDE | 180m ² | Office environment | - | - |
| 9 King William Street KENT TOWN | 131m ² | Office environment | - | - |
| Shop on King William Street ADELAIDE | 85M ² | (For cost comparison only) | 70k | \$824 |
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| 134-136A Wright Street ADELAIDE | 254m ² | Preferred premises. 11 car bays | 72k | \$283 |
| 104 Wright Street ADELAIDE | 140m ² | Current premises. (Costs include 5% increase for taking up the option) | 54k | \$385 |

- The average rate for commercial properties in the CBD similar to that required by GFGSA is between \$350/m² - \$550/m².
- Our current premise falls within this range at \$385/m².
- Our desired premise represents exceptional value for money at just \$283/m². It also provides 80% more space.
- If a realistic \$26,500 pa cost were attributed to the value of the 11 car bays at the desired premise, the \$/m² value would equate to that of our current premises at \$388/m².

The property at 134-136A Wright Street is ideal for the present and future requirements of GFGSA and we trust that in all respects, it is equally as attractive to Government.

ATTACHMENT 3

**RE: PAYMENT TOWARDS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
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INC.**

Copy of Proposed Expenditure 2016/17

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE - Peak Bodies for Grandparents in South Austr

SERVICE PROVIDER - Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc.

Financial Year

2016-2017

Total Annual Funding

| | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Families SA Grant Funding | \$ 23,858 | \$ 23,858 | \$ 23,858 | \$ 23,858 |
| ERO Funding | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Service Provider Contribution | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | <u>\$ 23,858</u> | <u>\$ 23,858</u> | <u>\$ 23,858</u> | <u>\$ 23,858</u> |

Staffing Costs

| | FTE | Class/Step | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries & Wages: | | | | | | | |
| - Program Manager | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Program Team Leader/Supervisor | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
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| - Specific Position | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Administration Staff | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Salary On Costs | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Staff Development and Training | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Regional Allowances | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Casual Rates and Penalties | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Volunteer Costs | | | \$ 4,620.00 | \$ 4,620.00 | \$ 4,620.00 | \$ 4,620.00 | \$ 4,620.00 |
| Sub-total: | | | <u>\$ 4,620.00</u> | <u>\$ 4,620.00</u> | <u>\$ 4,620.00</u> | <u>\$ 4,620.00</u> | <u>\$ 4,620.00</u> |

Corporate Expenses

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|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Management Fee/Corporate Services Fee | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - complete "Supplementary Report" | | | | |
| Accounting | \$ 45.00 | \$ 45.00 | \$ 2,562.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Office Accommodation: | | | | |
| - Rent | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 18,000.00 |
| - Rates & Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Building repairs and maintenance | \$ 312.50 | \$ 312.50 | \$ 312.50 | \$ 312.50 |
| - Utilities | \$ 1,055.00 | \$ 1,055.00 | \$ 1,055.00 | \$ 1,055.00 |
| - Office Stationery/Expenses | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 |
| - Office Furniture/Equipment Maintenance | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Cleaning | \$ 575.00 | \$ 575.00 | \$ 575.00 | \$ 575.00 |
| Telephone: | | | | |
| - Fixed | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| - Mobile Phone | \$ 102.00 | \$ 102.00 | \$ 102.00 | \$ 102.00 |
| Computer Expenses | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| Advertising/Promotion | \$ 1,475.00 | \$ 1,475.00 | \$ 1,475.00 | \$ 1,475.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 737.50 | \$ 737.50 | \$ 737.50 | \$ 737.50 |
| Travel Costs | \$ 793.00 | \$ - | \$ 350.00 | \$ - |
| OHS&W | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Staff Amenities | \$ 115.00 | \$ 115.00 | \$ 115.00 | \$ 115.00 |
| Security | \$ 87.50 | \$ 87.50 | \$ 87.50 | \$ 87.50 |
| Sub-total: | <u>\$ 25,648</u> | <u>\$ 24,855</u> | <u>\$ 27,722</u> | <u>\$ 24,855</u> |

Motor Vehicle Costs

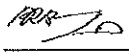
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| Number of vehicles: | | | | |
| Mileage Costs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Long Term Leasing | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Short Term Leasing | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Vehicle Running Costs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sub-total: | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

Direct Program Expenses

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|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Client Support Services: | | | | |
| - Group Activities/Programs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Special Events & Activities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Client Expenses | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Food and Supplies | \$ 375.00 | \$ 375.00 | \$ 375.00 | \$ 375.00 |
| - Brokerage | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Catering | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Carer Reimbursement | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Foster Carer Training | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Foster Carer Recruitment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Program Accommodation: | | | | |
| - Rent | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Rates & Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Building repairs and maintenance | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Utilities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Furniture/Equipment Maintenance | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Cleaning | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Program Telephone: | | | | |
| - Fixed | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| - Mobile Phones | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sub-total: | <u>\$ 375</u> | <u>\$ 375</u> | <u>\$ 375</u> | <u>\$ 375</u> |

One Off Establishment Costs & Acquisitions

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|--------------------------|----|-----------|----|--------|----|--------|----|
| Property Costs | \$ | 45,190.00 | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| Equipment Purchases: | | | | | | | |
| - Household Goods | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| - Office Goods | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| - Information Technology | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| - Vehicle | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| Contracted Services: | | | | | | | |
| - specify services | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| Sub-total: | \$ | 45,190 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$ | 75,833 | \$ | 29,850 | \$ | 32,717 | \$ |
| NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) | \$ | 51,976 | \$ | 5,992 | \$ | 8,859 | \$ |

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| Name | Peter R Biber | Name | |
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ATTACHMENT 4

**RE: PAYMENT TOWARDS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
RELOCATION OF GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA
INC.**

Suggested letter of response to Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc.



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Department for Education and
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Dear Peter

I am writing in response to your correspondence seeking additional funding for Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. to relocate from 104 Wright Street Adelaide to larger premises at 134-136A Wright Street Adelaide.

I am advised the proposal was reviewed by the Service Accountability Unit.

The outcome of the review determined that whilst the Department recognises and values the services provided by Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc., grant funds are already committed to out of home care (OOHC) and family support services.

As a result the Department cannot support the full relocation proposal. However, the Department is supportive of an additional \$20,250 pa (ex GST) from 2016/17 and a contribution of up to \$10,000 (ex GST) towards relocation costs.

Thank you for taking the time to submit the proposal and I acknowledge your agency's commitment to ensuring that grandparents raising their grandchildren have access to information and financial support.

If you have any further queries please contact Ms Julie Lynch, Senior Program Officer, Service Accountability Unit, Families SA on 8463 7189 or Julie.Lynch2@sa.gov.au.

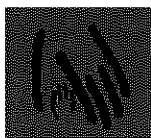
Yours sincerely

Etienne Scheepers
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHILD PROTECTION

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Peter Biber <Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 12:38 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: RE: CARER ADVOCACY SERVICE TENDER -- 93695/17

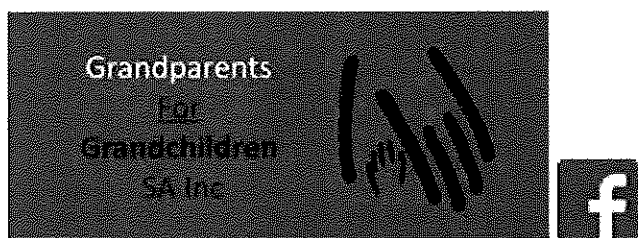


Didn't mean to alarm you or disturb your meeting Penny; so sorry.

Today is out for me as is early next week. How you placed sometime Wednesday? No hurry, let me know when you get back to your office.

Kind Regards
Pete

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From: Pratt, Penny (DCP) [mailto:Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 12:08 PM
To: Peter Biber <Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>
Subject: Re: CARER ADVOCACY SERVICE TENDER -- 93695/17

Peter,

Thanks for sharing your concerns. I'm reading this email while in a meeting but could be available to catch up later today.

What is your availability after 3pm?

Penny

Chief of Staff for the Minister of Child Protection

On 25 May 2018, at 11:33 am, Peter Biber <Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au> wrote:

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Hi Penny

Pressure is mounting from several quarters for me to pursue our concerns over the handling and outcomes of this tender. These concerns surround:

- Lack of probity
- Conflict of interest
- Lack of a true value for money outcome

Perceived or otherwise, they will be damning to the Department for Child Protection and Cathy Taylor in her role as Principal Officer with overall responsibility for the department's procurement as stipulated by the State Procurement Board.

I am concerned that Rachel may have signed off on this procurement which also places her at peril, which I am not keen to see happen; both on a professional and personal level. I have to contact Channel 7's Today Tonight tomorrow morning as you know but as I confirmed with Rachel at our meeting, I will be holding back on this issue for the time being.

However, it would be a good idea if you and I could meet so I could provide you with some of the details that will potentially be published.

Welcome your thoughts.

Kind Regards

Pete

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 5:50 PM
To: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Subject: RE: Phone query - Florey EO - GFG Funding

Thank you for getting me the EO number. I have called the office in person.

From: Staniford, Elizabeth (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 12:24 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP) <Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Phone query - Florey EO - GFG Funding

Hi Penny

I just took a call from the Florey EO. They are hoping to be kept informed relating to the GFG funding specifically for any announcements made today. The EO have advised several of their constituents sit on the board and have contacted them regarding this matter.

Can you please advise how you would like to action this?

Thanks

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Sanderson, Rachel <Rachel.Sanderson@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 10:19 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: G4G photo
Attachments: IMG_7516.JPG; ATT00001.txt

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Schumann, Brette (DCP)
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 10:08 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP); Taylor, Cathy (DCP); Ward, Fiona (DCP)
Subject: Fwd: CFC-SA

Finance info below

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Green, Michelle (DCP)" <Michelle.Green@sa.gov.au>
Date: 17 May 2018 at 10:06:42 am ACST
To: "Schumann, Brette (DCP)" <Brette.Schumann@sa.gov.au>, "Browne, Jennifer (DCP)" <Jennifer.Browne2@sa.gov.au>, "Taylor, Cathy (DCP)" <Cathy.Taylor4@sa.gov.au>
Subject: CFC-SA

Hi Jenny

Both organisations were advised of the tender outcome by email on Wednesday 9th May 2018.

CFC-SA began receiving funding from the former department – Department for Families and Communities on January 2006, previously CFC-SA was auspiced under Lutheran Community Care. Please note previously records of CFC-SA funding was saved on FGMS which we no longer have access to.

Funding CFC-SA has received:

2008/09 - \$72,100
2009/10 - \$72,100
2010/11 - \$72,100
2011/12 – \$72,100
2012/13 - \$72,100
2013/14 - \$72,100
2014/15 - \$88,844
2015/16 - \$92,396
2016/17 - \$96,092 + \$50,000 + \$40,000 additional funding to continue to support the newly appointed CEO
2017/18 - \$201,071

CFC-SA received the additional funding:

3 June 2016 - \$50,000 for an 1 x Admin Support and CEO

November 2015 - \$8,500 for 5 carers to attend conference 'Tell someone who Cares conference'

Amanda Porter was appointed as the CEO for CFC in November 2016

GFG

Funding from this Department

- 2012/13 - \$36,364 (ex GST)

- 2013/14 - \$37,820 (ex GST)
- 2014/15 - \$39,332 (ex GST)
- 2015/16 – \$92,654 (ex GST) (additional funding approved towards accommodation costs)
- 2016/17 - \$125, 682 (inclusive of Additional funding of \$20,250 and \$10,000 approved towards re-location) Plus a further \$20,000 additional funding approved) **Total = \$145, 682.**
- 2017/18 - \$117, 996 (ex GST) PLUS Additional Funding of \$40,000 (ex GST) and \$50,000 (ex GST). **Total Funding \$207,996**

Historical Agency Information

- Grandparents for Grandchildren (GfG) was established in South Australia in 2004 to provide assistance and a range of services for grandparents concerned about the welfare of their grandchildren.
- In April 2009, GfG opened premises at 102-104 Wright Street, Adelaide. These premises were established through assistance from the South Australian Government as part of the creation of the International University Precinct in Victoria Square, which started with the development of the Torrens Building. The former DFC provided funding assistance towards the refurbishment of the building and funding assistance for rent for the first year. Additional funding assistance for the accommodation costs under the re-location was provided to GfG for a five year period by the Department for Premier and Cabinet (DPC) until June 2014. Management of this additional accommodation funding assistance was moved across from DPC to the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI).
- In order to provide funding assistance for an administrative services officer to be dedicated to GfG, a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement (MOAA) was established to enable provision of Allocated Funds from Disability, Ageing and Carers (formerly DFC now DCSI) to Families SA. Under this MOAA, an agreement was set up with Centacare Catholic Family Services in 2011 for the provision of auspice services to assist GfG. The agreement was for a one year period between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. Funding of \$40,000 was provided under this agreement from the former DFC and administered by Families SA as the contract manager. No additional funding from Families SA was provided to GfG. The arrangement provided an effective means for the Department and GfG, to work together in the interests of enhancing relative care in South Australia.
- At the conclusion of the agreement, Centacare did not wish to continue the auspice arrangement with GfG and Families SA were advised that no further funding was available from DCSI under the MOAA. In order for GfG to continue to receive funding assistance for their support services from 1 July 2012, an auspice agreement between Anglicare SA and GfG was entered into at a total cost of \$36,363 (ex GST).with funding provided directly by Families SA. This agreement has continued (with extensions/funding variations to cover accommodation costs /renewals of service) up to 30 June 2018.

Michelle Green

Team Leader

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From: Sanderson, Rachel (DCP)
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 11:28 AM
To: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Cc: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: Re: Key timelines

Thank you. Could you please confirm if SA is the only state to have an advocacy body for grandparents, and when they started.

Thank you Rachel

Sent from my iPhone

On 17 May 2018, at 10:12 am, Taylor, Cathy (DCP) <Cathy.Taylor4@sa.gov.au> wrote:

As discussed

Cathy Taylor
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From: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 10:07 AM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Cc: Ward, Fiona (DCP); Schumann, Brette (DCP)
Subject: Key timelines

Penny
As requested.

Cathy Taylor
Chief Executive

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 1:51 PM
To: Sanderson, Rachel (DCP); Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: FW: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA

Dear Minister,

The Department has always recognized that GfG provide a service to grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren by way of informal arrangement (children not under the Guardianship of the Minister). However DCP does not provide funding for that service. The funding provided to GfG by DCP is for their role as advocates for grandparents who are kinship carers of children and young people under the Guardianship of the Minister.

Our service agreement with GfG (auspiced by Anglicare) reflects the above. In particular, the outcomes required for their service relate to their advocacy, support, advice and information provided to grandparents relating to issues associated with providing relative care to children and young people under guardianship.

The KPMG report on foster care advocacy also reflected this arrangement in Chapter 7:

"DCP currently almost exclusively funds advocacy services for foster and kinship carers looking after children and young people in the statutory system. These services are provided by CFC-SA. While DCP provides a small amount of funding for GFGSA this funding is only aimed at those grandparents who care for children in the statutory child protection system."

The tender that was released was for a single agency to advocate for and support foster and kinship carers in SA. With CFKC being successful, the services of GfG (in relation to grandparents caring for children under guardianship) will be provided by CFKC. There is an increase in funding being provided to the successful tenderer, CKFC, to reflect this.

GfG would usually be requested to provide their requests for funding/budget in November for the following financial year. However, DCP has been in communication with GfG and advised that we would not be receiving those requests pending the outcome of the tender process. This advice was provided again as most recently as 4 May 2018.

In relation to the comments made by the Deputy Premier during Question Time, I would not wish to speak for her, however it may be that the Deputy Premier was referring to funding from other government departments, outside of DCP.

Kind regards,

Cathy

From: Sanderson, Rachel [<mailto:Rachel.Sanderson@parliament.sa.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 12:41 PM
To: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Cc: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: Fwd: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA

Hi Cathy
How would you respond to the email below?
Are these two separate things?
Thanks Rachel

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Chief of Staff for the Minister of Child Protection

Begin forwarded message:

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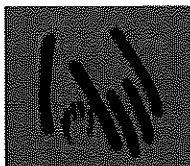
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Subject: FW: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA

From: Peter Biber [<mailto:Peter.Biber@gfgsa.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 8:41 AM
To: Badcoe EO <badcoe@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Croydon EO <Croydon@parliament.sa.gov.au>; Rachel Sanderson MP <minister.sanderson@sa.gov.au> <minister.sanderson@sa.gov.au>; Bragg EO <Bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT -- IMPENDING CLOSURE OF GFGSA



Dear Members

Thank you for your support and encouragement during Question Time yesterday. It is truly gratifying to hear everyone espousing GFGSA's virtues and worth to Government, carers and the community. It was a positive start; but unfortunately I feel we have a long journey ahead of us before attaining any level of sustainability. I would love to be proven wrong!

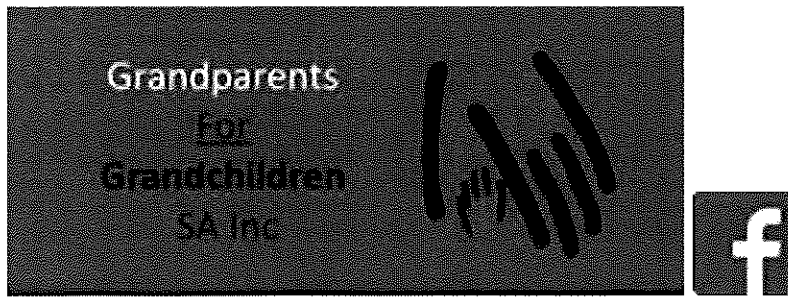
Understandably that in the environment of Question Time, the facts may often be blurred. It is clear that one of the main issues is the lack of understanding of the difference between the Carer Advocacy Tender and continued funding for GFGSA. **They are totally unrelated.** The former was for the formal (statutory) carer sector and the latter is for the informal (non-statutory) carer sector. Both sectors have Peak Bodies that have been independently funded by government for years and both deliver very different services. And both are needed. This confusion was even more evident on Channel 10 and 2 news last night where the reporting was incorrect. We have a press release currently in draft which will be pointed; and also seek to clarify the true position.

Vickie, a major error you made was to say that GFGSA receives funding from elsewhere and not just State Government. Wrong. We are entirely dependent on State Government funding as is the other Peak Body and without it, we close. It was also incorrect to suggest that we may be just in panic mode heading towards the end of the financial year. This is not so. Historically we were invited to submit our requests/budgets for funding in the month of November and were advised of the outcome the following June. We received no such request last November or any time since. Our efforts in attempting to raise this issue with DCP continually fell on deaf ears.

Rachel, thanks for consenting to see me and I look forward to discussing our funding as soon as you can squeeze me in!

Kind Regards

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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Stevens, James (DPC)
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 1:08 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: FW: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA
Attachments: Minute to the Treasurer - Grandparents for Grandchildren SA.DOCX

James Stevens
Chief of Staff
Premier of South Australia



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From: Ambler, Ruth (DPC)
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 12:44 PM
To: Ranieri, Erma (DPC) <Erma.Ranieri@sa.gov.au>; Stevens, James (DPC) <James.Stevens@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Blieschke, Jeremy (DPC) <Jeremy.Blieschke@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA

Just to close the loop on this one, this has been provided to DPC to provide to their Minister.

Best wishes,

Ruth

Ruth Ambler

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From: Jones, Dylan (DPC)
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 12:23 PM
To: Ambler, Ruth (DPC) <Ruth.Ambler@sa.gov.au>; Woolhouse, Steven (DPC) <Steven.Woolhouse@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Blieschke, Jeremy (DPC) <Jeremy.Blieschke@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Grandparents for Grandchildren SA

Hi Ruth and Steve,

For your information, please find attached a draft Minute from the Minister for Child Protection to the Treasurer seeking approval for the release of funds from the DTF contingency.

This will enable a 1 +2 year agreement to be entered into with Grandparents for Grandchildren SA to provide services for those caring for children in arrangements outside the child protection system.

Subject to the Treasurer approving release of the funds, no further authority will be required to proceed with this agreement.

I am advised Cathy Taylor is discussion DHS administering the contract with Tony Harrison.

Thanks

Dylan Jones

Manager

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From: Jones, Dylan (DPC)

Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 11:58 AM

To: Burns, Katy (Catherine) (DCP) <Catherine.Burns2@sa.gov.au>; Cox, Daniel (DPC) <Daniel.Cox@sa.gov.au>; Fenn, Greg (DTF) <Greg.Fenn@sa.gov.au>

Subject: Draft minute - Grandparents for Grandchildren SA

Hi all,

Thank you for meeting earlier today.

As agreed, please find attached a draft minute from the Minister for Child Protection to the Treasurer. Please let me know of any changes required asap, so that we can begin the process of getting this up through DCP.

Thanks

Dylan Jones

Manager

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Meeting: Grandparents for Grandchildren

Date: 23/05/18

Time: 4-5:30pm

Location: L2 354 King William Street

Present: Peter Biber CEO, Minister Sanderson, Penny Pratt

Actions: Minister undertook to contact GfG again by the end of this week

Notes:

Minister was given a tour of office space by Peter and introduced to Peter's wife and other volunteers – Ashlee, Frank, Colleen and Ray.

Meeting took place in the boardroom with 3 participants.

Peter stated that his media campaign had nothing to do with the tender. He is focused on funding for non-statutory services. He did not make any complaint in November when DCP didn't ask for the next 12 month funding model. He kept in contact with a DCP staffer, name unknown, and there was no mention that GfG wouldn't be funded.

PB: Where possible GfG refer to CFKC. Often stat. carers are dissatisfied with DCP and will only deal with GfG.

MS: spoke about historical funding trail and interstate funding avenues; ageing, volunteers.

The Nyland review has influenced how funding is allocated. 3 year allocations have been shortened to 12 months.

PP: asked PB to quantify his ask. Requests in the media range from the ongoing rate of \$120k to \$800k pa.

PB: presented his 3 yr business plan again that has already been received by DCP, RS and never fully implemented by the former government. They have only ever received operational costs and needed a better location. \$120k will keep the doors open; operational costs.

PB: re location, GfG have a 5 year lease, signed only by Peter. Former Gov/Dept did not co-sign. "I'm a trusting soul". After 10 years of rolling funding there was no reason to question or think that the money can't continue.

Canopy Care is the new trading name for GfG Inc. Tender submission was under this name. Tender document submitted.

PB: was appreciative of the Minister's understanding and empathy for the GfG volunteers. Understood that she was not responsible for previous decisions and this meeting was the first opportunity for the two of them to discuss possibilities.

PB: GfG want funding to pay staff. They have received thousands of dollars from Grants but cannot use that for wages. They are supporting 18 staff (volunteers) requesting funding for the equivalent of 6.

MS: stated that she had been lobbying for funding to be identified across relevant portfolios and will continue to advocate for grandparents offering services to children at risk at a Federal level.

PB: all his volunteers are on Newstart and his organisation cannot wait for Commonwealth support.



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PB and MS concluded the meeting with an understanding that conversations were still taking place about funding and that he could expect more communication this week.

Meeting closed 5:30pm

| DATE | EVENT | NOTE |
|------------------|---|--|
| 8 August 2016 | Nyland report release | Recommendation 116 – fund Connecting Foster Carers or an appropriate agency to deliver an advocacy service |
| 29 November 2016 | Former Government releases response, A Fresh Start | Former Government accepted the recommendation and said it would review current arrangements to determine appropriate agency |
| February 2017 | KPMG engaged | KPMG engaged to determine best model for the advocacy service |
| | KPMG consultation with carers and sector | |
| August 2017 | Final KPMG report received by DCP | |
| October 2017 | Former Government endorsed KPMG recommendation for a single advocacy body | |
| November 2017 | KPMG released on DCP website | |
| 8 December 2017 | Acquisition plan signed | |
| 12 December 2017 | Advertising – Tender opened | Advertised on SA tenders website Advised both Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers and Grandparents for Grandkids that the advertisement was up |
| 23 January 2018 | Tender closed | |
| 25 January | Evaluation team met | |
| 2 Feb | Evaluation team met | |
| 9 Feb | Evaluation plan approved | Approved by Chief Financial Officer |
| 23 Feb | Evaluation team met | |
| 5 March | Evaluation team met | |
| 15 March | Advised budget to tender participants | Emails sent to tender participants advising them of the available budget as both tenders were over budget |
| 3 April | Additional information due from participants | Sought additional information from participants to get tenders within budget |
| 4 April | Evaluation team met | |
| 20 April | Purchase recommendation approved | Selection of successful tenderer |
| 23 April | Minister Sanderson advised of outcome of tender | Minister requested further advice from Department regarding participation of grandparents in work to be lead by Connecting Foster and |

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| | | Kinship Carers and other potential funding options |
| 8 May 2018 | DPC briefed Minister on options | Further advice on tender process |
| 9 May 2018 | CE briefed Minister regarding tender process | |
| 9 May 2018 | Participants advised of the outcome of tender | Procurement and Contracting (P&C) team emailed Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers to advise they were successful. P&C team emailed and called Grandparents for Grandkids to advise they were unsuccessful. |
| 9 May 2018 | Meeting organised for Cathy Taylor to meet with Peter Biber | |
| 9 May 2018 | MO advised that both applicants are aware of tender outcome | |
| 14 May 2018 | CE advised MO of prospective meeting with Peter Biber | |
| 15 May 2018 | Cathy Taylor and Fiona Ward met with Peter Biber | Noted the tender outcome, advised we had no other DCP funding and agreed to explore any other opportunities |
| 15 May 2018 | CE advised MO of outcomes of meeting | |

Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 2:01 PM
To: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Subject: Re: Grandparents for grandchildren -- Please minister...

Penny - my understanding is that the GfG got funded by DCSI for the respite project.

Sent from my iPhone

On 18 May 2018, at 1:57 pm, Pratt, Penny (DCP) <Penny.Pratt@sa.gov.au> wrote:

FYI below. Reference to early Intervention research. How could they demonstrate evidence of it's necessity and successful application to GfG?
No need to respond.

Grandparents For Grandchildren SA to close.
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SAVES SA GOVERNMENT \$MILLIONS FORCED TO CLOSE.

Hundreds of South Australian families, including many Aboriginal families who are caring for children at risk will be left with no support from July this year.

Peter Biber, CEO of Grandparents For Grandchildren SA Inc, a volunteer based organisation which recognises and supports informal carers, said today "Families who have been caring for children at risk for years without the benefit of court orders outnumber formal carers in our state and nation-wide."

Grandparents For Grandchildren SA was advised Tuesday that their on-going arrangement with government which saw their operating expenses paid for was ending on 30 June, resulting in their forced closure.

The organisation, which has been operating for 15 years, providing financial, emotional and services support to grandparents and kinship carers will close its doors, leaving the 12,000 family members currently supported with no ongoing assistance available. The organisation receives calls from new families seeking support weekly. Their numbers have tripled in the past 12 months.

The closure could see many children forced into foster care as families struggle to cope with the financial, emotional trauma and legal issues surrounding caring for their grandchildren informally.

Mr. Biber said "Unlike foster carers and formal kinship carers, grandparents and informal carers often go many years without accessing even Family Tax Benefit payments and receive no government support, using their superannuation or finding part-time work to provide a home and education for the children in their care."

Grandparents For Grandchildren was instrumental in introducing the Informal Caregiver's Statutory Declaration, now adapted and used nation-wide by non-statutory carers, giving informal carers the ability to enrol children in school and source medical care.

Mr. Biber said that his small team of volunteer staff was devastated at the news of their forced closure, particularly given their recent partnership with Nunkuwarrin Yunti and the

development of support groups for Aboriginal grandparents.

“We have worked alongside the Aboriginal community to build a culture of trust by listening to what support they actually needed. We were looking at early-intervention strategies, all driven by Aboriginal grandparents to empower families and community to keep children safe. Those programs will now be left to wither on the vine.”

Grandparents For Grandchildren Principal Carer Advocate, Joanne Lauritsen is one of the close team being forced to turn their backs on a large number of grandparents and informal kinship carers who have reached out for help.

“Our carers, for many reasons, don’t want to engage with main-stream services or government departments. They are the ‘forgotten carers’, they fall through the cracks. If every one of our carers stopped what they were doing tomorrow, the state’s child protection system would be flooded with children needing foster care...they would end up back in motel rooms, siblings separated, the cost to the government would be overwhelming” said Ms. Lauritsen.

“The cost of keeping one child in out of home care is \$466,000 per year. By supporting those informal carers by keeping children within family, the savings to government are in the millions. To keep our organisation going, we’re seeking the equivalent cost of keeping just two children per year in out of home care. It makes financial sense to keep us operating. An investment in the future of child protection in SA.”

Grandparents For Grandchildren has the infrastructure already in place. By independently sourcing donations and grants and partnering with like-minded groups and individuals it has developed a fully equipped purpose-built office space, client consultation rooms, facilitated training sessions, support groups and established a mobile outreach service, travelling through most of regional South Australia to personally speak to carers and meet with organisations and government departments. Regional and country visits are booked months in advance.

Grandparents For Grandchildren was in the process of researching and developing a respite care system, previously unavailable to grandparent and kinship carers, which would have provided a free or heavily subsidised service for short-term or emergency situations. Again, that project will be shelved due to the withdrawal of funding.

Mr. Biber, reflecting on the imminent closure, said he was disappointed at the lack of ongoing financial support from government citing the massive savings directly attributable to the organisation and the potential benefits to come from the forward-thinking, proactive team.

“Grandparents For Grandchildren has always placed the welfare of children above all else. By enabling and empowering families to remain together, children are more likely to develop into emotionally healthy, connected young people with more chance of achieving their full potential”, Mr Biber said,

“Years of work, stories shared, children helped – comes to an end now.”

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Government of South Australia
Department for Child Protection

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Reference number

TO: THE TREASURER

CC: THE PREMIER

RE: FUNDING FOR GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN SA

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA's role includes providing advice, advocacy, information and referral services for grandparents and kinship carers.

These services are provided to those caring for grandchildren under arrangements made through the Family Court or privately between family. This is separate to the support provided to those caring for children under the Guardianship of the Minister.

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA advise that following the outcomes of a recent tender process by the Department for Child Protection for carer advocacy services, they will no longer be able to deliver services beyond 30 June 2018.

The tender process sought a single provider to deliver carer advocacy services for all carers, including grandparents, caring for children under Guardianship of the Minister. This is consistent with a recommendation from the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission. Grandparents for Grandchildren SA were not successful in the tender process.

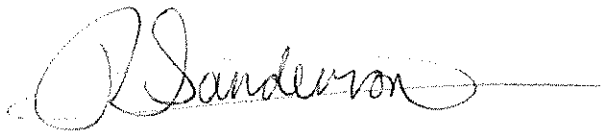
Accepting the outcomes of the tender process, there remains a service gap in the provision of support for those caring for children in arrangements outside the child protection system. These care arrangements support early intervention outcomes by reducing the cost burden on service provision and reducing the number of children requiring a child protection response.

Following discussions at the Social Affairs Cabinet Committee and Cabinet on 24 May 2018, it is proposed the Government provide funding to Grandparents for Grandchildren SA to enable them to provide this service on a 1 + 2 year arrangement. Funding of \$120,000 per annum (indexed) is sought for this purpose.

I am advised the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) holds funding in DTF central contingency to fund approved early intervention programs. I am seeking your approval as Treasurer for \$369,000 over three years to be provided to the Department of Human Services from within this contingency allocation for provision of these services by Grandparents for Grandchildren SA.

Clear deliverables will be included in the grant agreement with Grandparents for Grandchildren SA. These will be used to track performance and support assessment about whether to proceed with the two-year extension option.

There is no commitment to provide assistance to Grandparents for Grandchildren SA beyond the three years,



Rachel Sanderson
MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION

25 / 5 / 2018



Michelle Lensink
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

25 / 5 / 2018

Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2018 11:19 AM
To: Taylor, Cathy (DCP)
Cc: Sanderson, Rachel (DCP)
Subject: Re: Tender process

Cathy

Thank you for providing the recent advice sought from legal and procurement.

The Minister has already shared with you her opinion on this process and the pending announcement.

We have read and noted the details of your email to the Minister with the best advice available to the Department on the tender process.

I would respectfully request that talking points are made available to me as a priority by close of business today.

Kind regards
Penny

Chief of Staff for the Minister of Child Protection

On 9 May 2018, at 9:24 am, Taylor, Cathy (DCP) <Cathy.Taylor4@sa.gov.au> wrote:

Minister

Further to our discussion last night, I have sought legal and procurement advice regarding the advocacy tender. In short, the advice is that any steps on my part to defer or cancel the process at this time will be seen as interfering with the tender process.

By way of background, it was a Nyland rec (116), KPMG were engaged by the department in 2017 to develop and recommend an ongoing model of advocacy and this included undertaking market analysis, engaging carers and comparisons with other jurisdictions, the former government accepted the proposal regarding a single service going forward in late 2017 and the governance board has now signed off on the final report.

The further advice I have received is that to change the process once we have gone to the market, we need to provide a significant reason to the market. We have already done this once during this tender as bids from both applicants were significantly in excess of funds available and we had to confirm the limit of the funds available. Subsequently Grandparents for Grandkids reported this change in process to the State Procurement Board and after review, the process was found to be above board.

Cathy Taylor
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Pratt, Penny (DCP)

From: Draysey, Rebecca (DCP)
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 3:54 PM
To: Charter, Greg (DPC); Pratt, Penny (DCP)
Cc: Schumann, Brette (DCP)
Subject: FW: media response

Hi Both,

Here's our response for your consideration

The Department for Child Protection has been funding 'Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers' and 'Grandparents for Grandchildren' to provide advocacy services for carers caring for children under the Guardianship of the Minister in South Australia. The Nyland Royal Commission recognised the importance of carer advocacy and recommended that Government fund an appropriate agency to provide this service. The Government released a tender in 2017 for a single professional agency to deliver this service, and Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers were successful in that process.

DCP is now working with Grandparents for Grandchildren to assist them in identifying a suitable solution to enable them to continue providing their services to other grandparents in South Australia.

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