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Dear Mr Odenwalder

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

In reference to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991, access was sought to:

*"Any and all documents and internal correspondence (including, but not limited to, emails, minutes, briefings, letters and notes) regarding the relocation of Hindley Street Police Station and interim arrangements."*

On 28 October 2020 I spoke with [REDACTED] from your office to clarify the scope of your application.

On 29 October 2020 via email I advised [REDACTED] pursuant to section 53 FOI Act, half the Member of Parliament threshold had been absorbed with a large amount of documents having been discovered with extensive consultation required. I sought her views regarding narrowing the scope to briefing paper(s) regarding the relocation of Hindley St Station. [REDACTED] advised she would seek direction from you.

On 10 November 2020 [REDACTED] refined the scope of your application to briefing paper(s).

This determination was made on 29 January 2021.

SAPOL has located a document that falls within the scope of your request. The document is numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	Commissioners Briefing Paper - Subject: Minister's approval sought to relocate Hindley St Police Station to newly refurbished premises at 5 Leigh St, Adelaide (corner Hindley St) signed and August 2020 consisting of 14 pages including the following attachment ➤ Lease Proposal – 5 Leigh St Adelaide	Part Release	Clauses: 4(1)(a) 4(2)(b) 7(1)(b)(i) 7(1)(b)(ii)(a) 7(1)(b)(ii)(b) 9(1)(a)(i) 9(1)(b) 13(2)(a) 13(2)(b)(ii)	<p>A portion of the document is exempt as it identifies the proposed floor plan and integrated fitout layout plan for 5 Leigh St Adelaide – Hindley St Police Station. I believe it is in the public interest to exempt the information for the purpose of law enforcement and safety of SAPOL employees, SAPOL contractors and members of the public.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text is floor plans the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life of physical safety of any persons. I am of the view that disclosure of such information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the document is exempt is exempt as it identifies business names which have a commercial value to the owners and disclosure could reasonably be expected to destroy or diminish the commercial value. I am of the view, in all of the circumstances that disclosure of such information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text contains opinion, advice and recommendations associated with the decision making functions of South Australia Police, specifically with respect to relocation of Hindley Street Police Station. I have formed the view that, in all of the circumstances, disclosure of such information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>A portion of the document is exempt it contains information which under the term of the contract would be a breach of confidence.</p> <p>A portion of the document is exempt as it contains information of a contract entered into by SAPOL and the Minister responsible for Police.</p>



## CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

Clause 4(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any person."*

Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest."*

Clause 7(1)(b)(i) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter consisting of information (other than trade secrets) that has a commercial value to any agency or any other person."*

Clause 7(1)(b)(ii)(a) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter consisting of information (other than trade secrets) that has a commercial value to any agency or any other person; and the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to destroy or diminish the commercial value or the information."*

Clause 7(1)(b)(ii)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to public interest."*

Clause 9(1)(a)(i) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that relates to any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency"*

Clause 9(1)(b) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest"*

Clause 13(2)(a) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*"A document that is a contract entered into by the Crown or an agency after the commencement of this sub clause is not an exempt document by virtue of sub clause (1) unless it contains matter the disclosure of which would, under the term of the contract, constitute a breach of the contract or found an action for breach of confidence and"*

Clause 13(2)(b)(ii) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

*A document that is a contract entered into by the Crown or an agency after the commencement of this sub clause is not an exempt document by virtue of sub clause (1) unless) that term of the contract has been approved by -  
(ii) in the case of a contract entered into by a State Government agency – the responsible Minister for the agency*

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at [https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **2 March 2021**.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively, an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$37.50 if applicable.

Yours sincerely,



Sergeant Sandra Watson  
**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Interim Freedom of Information Officer)

11 February 2021.

## COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING PAPER

**SUBJECT:** Minister's approval sought to relocate Hindley St Police Station to newly refurbished premises at 5 Leigh St, Adelaide (corner Hindley St)

## PROPOSAL

For the Commissioner to seek the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services' approval to enter into a new lease at 5 Leigh St, Adelaide to relocate the existing Hindley St Police Station around May 2021.

## SUMMARY

- The existing 674m<sup>2</sup> Police Station tenancy at Hindley St has been in occupation since around 2005, with the <sup>EXEMPT</sup>
- The premises has been deemed no longer fit for purpose due to critical WHS and operational constraints, and from building condition/quality perspective.
  - A market search was undertaken for more suitable alternative premises and early in 2020 a suitable tenancy of 1,073m<sup>2</sup> was identified at 5 Leigh St, Adelaide (corner of Leigh/Hindley St).
  - This site was the only tenancy in proximity to Hindley St to meet the accommodation brief.
- MOS stakeholders are very supportive of the new proposed location and concept design and request the tenancy negotiations to be progressed with priority.
- The new tenancy will provide substantial improvement to Hindley St operations, and the increase in tenancy area will address critical WHS issues and enable improved front counter/public interview rooms to manage operational activity.

EXEMPT

- The Commissioner is requested to obtain Ministerial approval to enter into this lease. Following receipt of the Minister's approval, the Lease Proposal will be submitted to Office of General Counsel to prepare a new Crown Memorandum of Lease which will be executed by all parties and registered on the title to protect SAPOL interests during the term.
- Commissioner's approval is also sought to delegate execution of forthcoming Memorandum of Lease and any related administrative documents to Director Business Service to finalise the arrangement, subject to the Minister's approval to enter into the arrangement.



## BACKGROUND

- Critical issues exist with the current building condition and deficiencies in tenancy configuration severely inhibit the ability to operate efficiently or effectively at the site.
  - Major constraints exist in the ground floor that render insufficient operational space for the police front counter / interview rooms to cater for the high volumes of traffic at the site.
  - Further critical issues exist in relation to disability access, insufficient areas for staff allocated filing cabinets, dislocation of the lockers from the shower area and other WHS issues.
- The new leased premises offers:
  - improved street frontage for front reception to Hindley St, and private side entry from Leigh St with carparks on Hindley St to be negotiated with Council.
  - larger area footprints on ground and first floor, with secure lift access and an appropriate operational fitout to enable more effective operations, including expanded CCTV wall for viewing incidents, bike storage, incident room, etc
  - a shift slightly further west down Hindley St to an improved position with proximity to exit lanes to North Terrace/Grenfell St and nearby carparks, whereas the existing Hindley St is in proximity to inbound traffic lanes with congestion issues during peak times.
- Concept plans have been developed in consultation with AC MOS Dickson, Chief Superintendent MOS John DeCandia, and Superintendent Craig Wall (Att. 2).

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**CONSULTATION**

- AC MOS Paul Dickson / Chief Superintendent MOS John DeCandia
- Superintendent MOS Craig Wall
- ASA Dennis Lock

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Lease Proposal – 5 Leigh St Adelaide

EXEMPT



Endorsed



Manager, Physical Assets Services Branch

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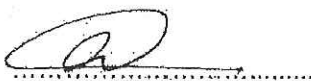
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Director, Business Service

28 / 8 / 2020

Approved / Not Approved



Grant Stevens

Commissioner of Police

31 / 8 / 2020





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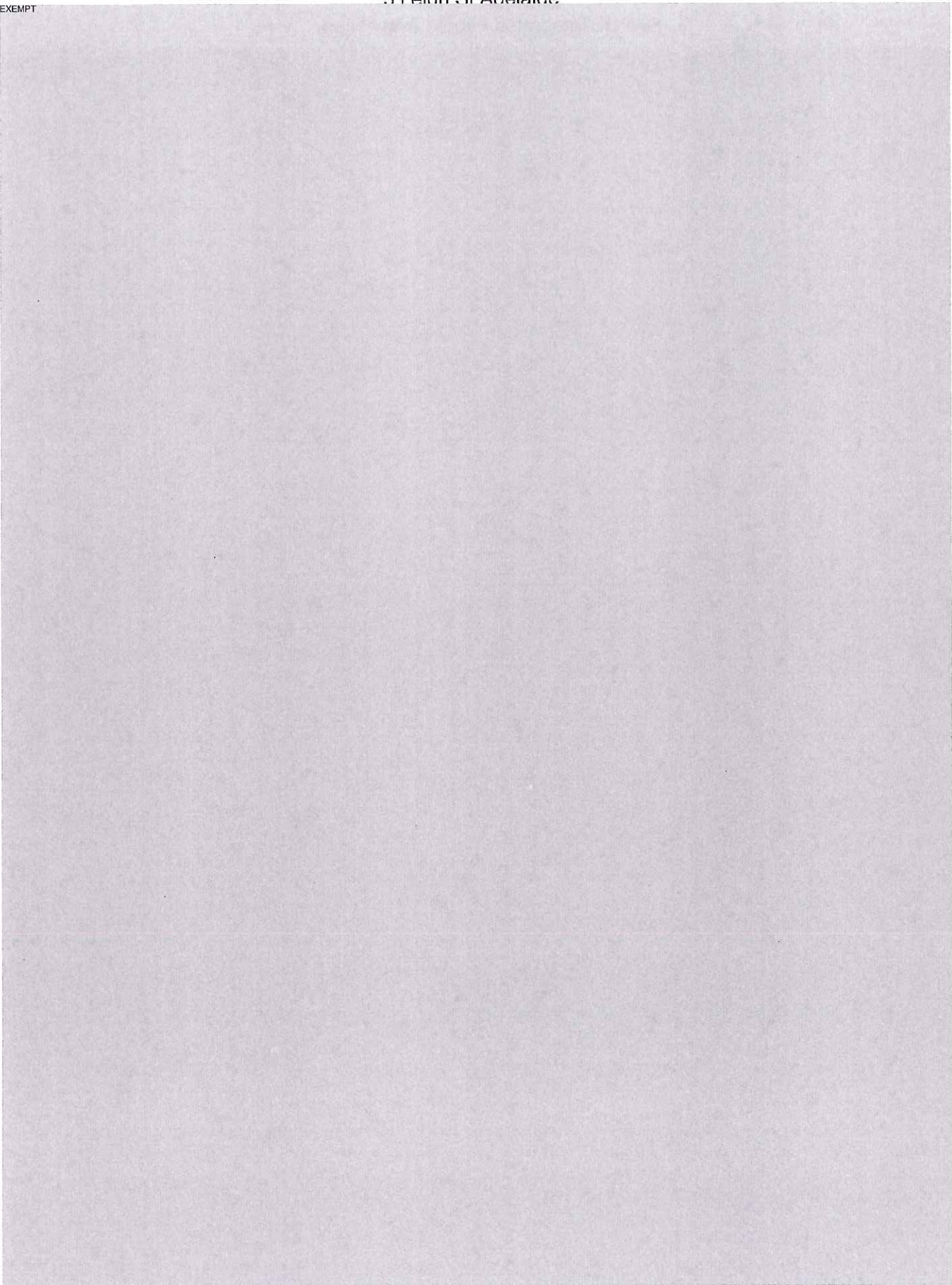
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5 Leigh St Adelaide

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## SAPOL Integrated Fitout Layout Plan

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