

Department of Treasury and Finance

The Treasury Building
21 Murray Street HOBART TAS 7000
GPO Box 147 HOBART TAS 7001 Australia
Telephone (03) 6166 4444 Facsimile (03) 6173 0219
Email secretary@treasury.tas.gov.au Web www.treasury.tas.gov.au



Doc reference 21/176970

Meg Webb MLC
Independent Member for Nelson
Legislative Council

By email: meg.webb@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Webb MLC

Right to Information application - Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council

I refer to your request dated 19 July 2021 under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the RTI Act) seeking the following information:

"1. The following documentation for all formal meetings held by the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC), for the duration the Council was operating:

- a) *Meeting Agendas;*
 - b) *Meeting Minutes;*
 - c) *Standing Notice of Interests declarations submitted by PESRAC members, including the date of update and submission of declaration; and*
2. *All government and departmental guidelines regarding:*
- a) *independent oversight of PESRAC submitted Standing Notice of Interests declarations;*
 - b) *guidance to PESRAC members; and*
 - c) *administration, maintenance and storage of any submitted Notice of Interest declarations. "*

After reviewing your application, I have determined that parts of the scope of your application includes information that has already been assessed by Treasury, in a previous application made by you under the RTI Act.

Section 20(1) of the RTI Act states that an application for the assessed disclosure of information may be refused on the basis that it is a repeat application. Refusal on this basis may occur where the public authority is of the opinion that the information which is the subject of the application is the same or similar to information sought in a previous application to a public authority or Minister; and that the application does not, on its face, disclose any reasonable basis for again seeking access to the same or similar information.

In making this determination, I compared your current application with your former application, as well as the information that is likely to be produced from the current application, against the information that was produced from the former application.

The information produced from the former application was thoroughly assessed by a Delegated RTI Officer, including third party consultation with multiple third parties. The information released as a result of the former application was made available on the Right to Information Disclosure Log on Treasury's website and remains available at the present time. No request for internal review was received by you following the provision of the decision to you.

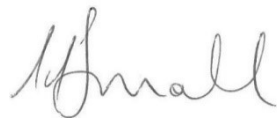
I have therefore determined that the information requested at items 1(a), (b), (c) and 2(a) of the current application be refused under section 20 of the RTI Act, as the information requested is the same or similar to the information produced as a result of the former application; and that the application, on its face, does not disclose any reasonable basis for again seeking access to the same or similar information.

The remaining information requested at items 2(b) and (c) are accepted for assessment by a Delegated RTI Officer as well as your request for a fee waiver in accordance with section 16(2)(b) of the RTI Act as I am satisfied that you are acting in connection with your official duties as a Member of Parliament.

Review

Should you wish to lodge an application to the Ombudsman for an external review of my decision, you may do so under section 45 of the RTI Act. An application for external review must be made in writing within 20 working days of receipt of this letter. You will be taken to have received this letter via email on the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T Ferrall', written in black ink.

Tony Ferrall
Secretary

30 July 2021