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Hon Meg Webb MLC
Independent Member for Nelson
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Attention: Kurt Joyce

Dear Ms Webb

Right to Information application - Treasurer - climate change discussions

I refer to your request directed to the Treasurer, Hon Michael Ferguson MP dated 29 July 2022 under the *Right to Information Act 2009* seeking:

- *... date, location and attendee details of all Ministerial diary appointments held since 19 May 2021 for the purpose of discussions involving climate change policy including, but not limited to, the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008 review, and the Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021, and which involved:*
 - a) *One or more industry stakeholders, including but not limited to registered lobbyists; and*
 - b) *One or more non-industry and community stakeholders.*

I am a delegated RTI Officer of the Treasurer, the Hon Michael Ferguson MP, under the provisions of section 21 of the RTI Act.

Searches of the Treasurer's diary identified potentially relevant diary appointments, and a preliminary assessment was conducted to determine whether the diary appointments fell within the scope of the application.

Following a discussion with Kurt Joyce of your office on 12 September 2022, I determined that for a diary appointment to be in scope, it needed to satisfy the following requirements:

- be held on or after 19 May 2021; and
- be for the purpose of discussions; and
- relate to climate change policy; and
- include one or more industry stakeholders (including registered lobbyists); and / or
- include one or more non-industry and community stakeholders.

I have taken the term 'industry stakeholder' to mean a stakeholder with an interest in the climate change industry that can either influence or be affected by climate change policy - for example, suppliers, manufacturers, agricultural organisations, governments or industry associations.

I have taken the term 'community stakeholder' to mean an individual person with an interest in the development of climate change policy / the climate change industry.

I have taken the term '*non-industry stakeholder*' to mean a stakeholder that does not fall within the two categories above.

Due to the nature of ministerial diary appointments, many staff within the Treasurer's Office are invited to meetings that the Treasurer attends for the purposes of providing support to the Treasurer, for example diary managers and advisers. I have taken staff within the Treasurer's Office to be an extension of the Treasurer and therefore I have not considered ministerial staff to be industry / non-industry / community stakeholders.

Further, diary entries contain information regarding people invited to appointments, however they do not contain information regarding those individuals that attended on the day. As there is no record within the Treasurer's Office that contains information regarding attendees, I have determined that it would be appropriate to provide you with information regarding '*invitees*'.

Following my preliminary assessment, two diary appointments were identified that fall within the scope of your request, the relevant details of which have been extracted in accordance with section 18(3)(b) of the RTI Act and provided in the attached schedule (Attachment A).

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.

Should you have any queries or require any further information regarding this matter, please contact me on (03) 6145 0700 or email rti@treasury.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patmore". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kate Patmore
Delegated RTI Officer

23 September 2022

Encl

Attachment A

Date	Location	Invitee Details
2/8/2021	Hobart / Launceston / Online	Peter Gutwein, James Abbott, Jeremy Rockliff, Elise Archer, Guy Barnett, Sarah Courtney, Michael Ferguson, Jane Howlett, Roger Jaensch, Jacquie Petrusma, Mark Shelton, Madeleine Oglivie, John Tucker, Nic Street, Felix Ellis, Leonie Hiscutt, Jo Palmer, Nick Duigan, Perry Jackson, Craig Limkin, Mandy Brown, Robyn Wilkes, Andrew Finch, Carol Jones, Sarah Russell
2/8/2021	Hobart / Launceston / Online	Peter Gutwein, James Abbott, Jeremy Rockliff, Elise Archer, Guy Barnett, Sarah Courtney, Michael Ferguson, Jane Howlett, Roger Jaensch, Jacquie Petrusma, Mark Shelton, Madeleine Oglivie, John Tucker, Nic Street, Felix Ellis, Leonie Hiscutt, Jo Palmer, Nick Duigan, Perry Jackson, Craig Limkin, Mandy Brown, Robyn Wilkes, Andrew Finch, Carol Jones, Sarah Russell, Matthew Hochman, Point Advisory (Caoilinn Murphy, Charlie Knaggs), Victoria University (Philip Adams)

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