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Ms Matilda Duncan

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Dear Ms Duncan

Freedom of Information application

I refer to your application to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) under DPC Circular PC031, 'Disclosure of Cabinet documents 10 years or older', seeking access to:

Date	Departmental Docket Number	Cabinet Submission Title	Minister
25/07/1988	MA2-87	Veterinary Surgeons Board – Appointments	Mr Kym Mayes

One document was identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined to release this document in part.

Sections of this document contain information relating to the personal affairs of multiple third parties. Under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (the Act), information is exempt if releasing it would involve the 'unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person'. I have considered that the application of clause 6(1) requires two elements, one that the information contains the personal affairs of that person; and secondly that disclosure would be unreasonable and contrary to public interest. I have determined that this information falls within the category of 'personal affairs' as listed under section 4(1) of the Act, thereby meeting the first elements of this clause. Further, I have considered whether the disclosure of this information would be unreasonable. In doing so, I have considered the relevance of this information to the public and the likelihood as to whether the person in question would consent to disclosure. I have concluded that this information was likely obtained in confidence and through measures which would otherwise make it unavailable to the public. I have considered the factors in favour of public interest and determined that these factors are outweighed by the need to maintain personal confidentiality in this instance. Therefore, I have determined that this information meets the requirements of clause 6(1) and is thereby exempt pursuant to this clause.

Items on the agenda page not relating to the document you requested have also been removed.

Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

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

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

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

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Denise Cranwell, Freedom of Information Officer, on telephone (08) 8429 7312 or via email at DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Maloney Accredited FOI Officer Office of the Chief Executive

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Attachment:

• Document for release

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CABINET-SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION, 25th July

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CABINET	SUBJECT	DOCKET		
Ko. 13.1	Appointment Dr. F.J. CLARKE as Member and Dr. D.R. LEHMANN as Deputy Member, Veterinary Surgeons Board.	M.A. 2/1987		
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MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to M.A. 2/87

TO THE PREMIER FOR CABINET

RE: APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY MEMBER TO THE VETERINARY SURGEONS BOARD

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 That Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc. be appointed as a member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board pursuant to Sections 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.
- 1.2 That Dr Debra Ruth Lehmann B.V.M.S. be appointed to the Veterinary Surgeons Board as deputy to Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc. pursuant to Section 6(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985, came into operation on 1st July, 1987.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Veterinary Surgeons Board established under this Act is to provide for the registration of veterinary surgeons and to regulate the practise of veterinary surgery for the purpose of maintaining high standards of competence and conduct by veterinary surgeons in South Australia.
- 2.3 The Veterinary Surgeons Board consists of 6 members, 5 of whom are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister of Agriculture and the other (who shall be a veterinary surgeon) is appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Australian Veterinary Association, South Australian Division.
- 2.4 Pursuant to Section 6(4) of the Act the first members of the Board were appointed for varying periods not exceeding 3 years. Subsequent appointments will be for a period of 3 years pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Act (a table indicating the terms of office of all members is attached).
- 2.5 The appointment of Dr Richard Bray Humphris B.V.Sc. expires on 30th June, 1988.
- 2.6 Under the provisions of Section 6(5) of the Act deputy members may be appointed by the Governor.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Consultation

As has been the tradition in the past, the Australian Veterinary Association, South Australian Division (A.V.A.), was requested to provide a panel of names from which a suitable replacement for Dr Humphris could be chosen. In order to maintain the balance of veterinary interests on the Board it was further requested that the names provided were those of large animal (rural) veterinary surgeons.

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Accordingly the A.V.A. provided the following names in priority order.

- 1. Dr R. Clarke,⁶⁽¹⁾ Personal affairs
- 2. Dr D. Lehmann, 6(1) Personal affairs
- 3. Dr J. Chillingworth, 6(1) Personal affairs
- 3.2 Appointment of Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc.
 - 3.2.1 Dr Clarke is a large animal (rural) veterinary surgeon in private practice at Mount Gambier.
 - 3.2.2 He was listed as priority (1) on the panel of names provided by the A.V.A.
- 3.3 Appointment of Dr Debra Ruth Lehmann B.V.M.S. as Deputy to Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc.
 - 3.3.1 There is a need to appoint deputies to all Board members to provide replacements when substantive members are absent due to illness or other reasons.
 - 3.3.2 Dr Lehmann is also a large animal (rural) veterinary surgeon in private practice at Kingscote, Kangaroo Island.
 - 3.3.3 Dr Lehmann's name was included as priority (2) in the panel of names provided by the Australian Veterinary Association.
 - 3.3.4 Dr Clarke has indicated that if he is appointed as a Board member he will be happy to have Dr Lehmann as his deputy.
- 3.3 Cost

There will be no increase in costs for sitting fees payable to Board members.

However, as mileage expenses are payable to Board members who reside outside of the Greater Metropolitan Area of Adelaide, at the rate of 46.3 centrs per kilometre, there will be an increase in these costs estimated at \$4,000 per annum. This is due to the fact that Dr Humphris travelled from Echunga whereas Dr Clarke will have to travel from Mount Gambier to attend Board meetings.

This increase will be budgeted for in the Veterinary Surgeons Board Treasury line and included in costings when an increase in fees is next considered.

3.4 Staffing

The appointment of a new member and deputy will have no effect on Public Service staffing levels.

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3.5 Balance of Interests

If Dr Clarke is appointed as a member of the Board the balance of interests will remain as:

- 1 legal practitioner (Chairman)
- 2 small animal veterinary practitioners
- 1 large animal (rural) veterinary practitioner
- 1 Government veterinary practitioner
- 1 "lay" person (i.e. neither a veterinary surgeon nor a legal
 practitioner).

The male/female ratio of the 6 members listed above will be 4 males and 2 females.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Governor in Executive Council appoint Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc. as a member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board pursuant to Sections 6(2)(b) and 6(3) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.
- 4.2 That the Governor in Executive Council appoint Dr Debra Ruth Lehmann B.V.M.S. as deputy to Dr Rex James Clarke B.V.Sc. pursuant to Section 6(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.

Kym Mayes, M.P. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT, 1985

<u>Veterinary Surgeons Board</u> - Office held for 3 years - section 6(3) of Act - Office held for period not exceeding 3 years for first members of the Board - Section 6(4)

APPOINTMENT DATE	NAME	ADDRESS		POSITION	REPRESENTING	APPOINTMENT EXPIRES	REFERENCE
1/7/87	MULLINS, PETER MICHAEL LLB	6(1) Personal affairs		Chairman	-	30/6/90	MA 2/87
1/7/87	HOLMDEN, JOHN HENRY BVSc			Member		30/6/89	MA 2/87
1/7/87	JULIA MARY NICHOLLS BVMS, MRCVS		,	Member	-	30/6/90	MA 2/87
1/7/87	HUMPHRIS, RICHARD BRAY BVSc)	Member	-	30/6/88	MA 2/87
1/7/87	HOLLIS, FRANCIS LESLIE BVSc)	Member	-	30/6/89	MA 2/87
*9/7/87	HARRIS, SARAH CATHERINE BA			Member	-	8/7/91	MA 2/87

Registrar Donald Rodney Andrews, Department of Agriculture

FEES: Chairman - \$111 per session (4 hours), \$27.75/hour or part thereafter.

(As from 21/8/86)

Member - \$93 per session (4 hours), \$23.25/hour or part thereafter.

Travel expenses for approved officers \$ P.S. Rates, CD6.

* Reappointed for a further 3 year term.

Recurrent Annual cost of updating information on P.C's each month.

-	Cost to be incurred by G.C.C. in preparing monthly update tape (additions, deletions ar amendments) for conversion to diskettes by private Bureau.	ıd	
	(\$100 per month x 12 months).	\$1200	
-	Cost of engaging private Bureau to convert information on monthly update tapes to diskettes (35 diskettes per month x \$15		
	each x 12 months).	\$6300	
-)'	Cost of annual maintenance agreements on printers - Government to accept risk associated with operating condition of P.C.'s which are now relatively reliable.		
	(25 x \$150 each)	\$3750	
	TOTAL		<u>\$11250</u>

*NOTE: During the 2-3 years following the initial download of data, additional recurrent costs of \$2 600 per annum may be incurred as additional members progressively obtain P.C.'s.