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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
25/06/1990	MA223-90	Veterinary Surgeons Board	Mr Lynn Arnold

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

A section of this document contains 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 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).*

**Right to internal review**

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 [DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au](mailto:DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au) 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](mailto:DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Eamonn Maloney  
**Accredited FOI Officer**  
Office of the Chief Executive

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Attachment:

- Document for release

CABINET - SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION, ... 25 June ..... 1990

CABINET	SUBJECT	DOCKET
<p>Not relevant</p>		
<p>No. 4.1</p> <p><i>Decision</i></p>	<p>Veterinary Surgeons Board: Appointment of Members.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>M.A. 223/1990</p>
<p>Not relevant</p>		

TO THE PREMIER FOR CABINET:

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

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 That the following persons be reappointed as Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Member and Deputy Member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board for 3 years commencing 1 July, 1990 pursuant to Sections 6(1)(b), 6(2)(a), 6(3) and 6(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985. (See Appendix I for details.)

1.1.1 Reappointment of Mr. Peter Michael Mullins, LL.B as Chairman.

1.1.2 Reappointment of Mr. Michael Ian Bell, LL.B as Deputy to Mr. Mullins.

1.1.3 Reappointment of Dr. Julia Mary Nicholls, BVMS, MRCVS as a Member.

1.1.4 Reappointment of Dr. Evelyn Brigitta Von der Linden, BVSc as Deputy to Dr. Nicholls.

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 or 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 and reappointments 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 - see Appendix II.)

2.5 Deputy Members may be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Section 6(4) of the Act.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Consultation

3.1.1 Chairman

Mr. Peter Michael Mullins was selected by the Minister of Agriculture and appointed as the first Chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons Board constituted under the Provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985 on 1 July, 1987.

3.1.2 Member

Under the provisions of Section 6(1)(b) of the Act, the Australian Veterinary Association, South Australian Division (AVA), shall nominate a veterinary surgeon for appointment by the Governor.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the AVA dated 25 May, 1990 nominated Dr. Julia Mary Nicholls, BVMS, MRCVS for reappointment as a Member and Dr. Evelyn Brigitta Von der Linden, BVSc as Deputy to Dr. Nicholls. (Copy attached - Appendix III.)

3.2 Cost

There will be no increase in costs due to the proposed appointments and reappointments of the Chairman, Members and Deputies.

3.3 Staffing

The appointments and reappointments will have no effect on Public Service staffing levels.

3.4 Balance of Interests

With the above reappointments to the Board the balance of professional 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).

This balance will be maintained by the reappointment of the Deputy Members recommended herein.

The male/female ratio of the 6 Members (and of the 6 Deputy Members) will remain as 4 males and 2 females.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Governor in Executive Council reappoint the following persons to the Veterinary Surgeons Board for 3 years from 1st July, 1990 pursuant to the provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.

- 4.1.1 Mr. Peter Michael Mullins, LL.B as Chairman.
- 4.1.2 Mr. Michael Ian Bell, LL.B as Deputy to Mr. Mullins.
- 4.1.3 Dr. Julia Mary Nicholls, BVMS, MRCVS as a Member.
- 4.1.4 Dr. Evelyn Brigitta Von der Linden, BVSc as Deputy to Dr. Nicholls.



Lynn M.F. Arnold  
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
MINISTER OF FISHERIES  
MINISTER OF ETHNIC AFFAIRS



APPENDIX I

REAPPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MEMBER AND DEPUTY MEMBER

1. Reappointment of Mr. Peter Michael Mullins, LL.B as Chairman
  - 1.1 Mr. Mullins was appointed as the first Chairman of the Board constituted under the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985, on 1 July, 1987.
  - 1.2 He was admitted to the Bar in 1972 and is a senior partner in the legal firm Stanley and Partners. His work is concentrated mainly on litigation in the industrial arena.
  - 1.3 He has completed one term of office and is eligible for reappointment for a further 3 year term pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1985.
  
2. Reappointment of Dr. Julia Mary Nicholls, BVMS MRCVS as a Member
  - 2.1 Dr. Nicholls was appointed as a Member of the Board on 1 July, 1987 on the nomination of the Australian Veterinary Association, South Australian Division, pursuant to Section 6(1)(b) of the Act. The AVA have nominated her for reappointment.
  - 2.2 She is a veterinary surgeon who conducts a small animal practice at Prospect.
  - 2.3 She has completed one term of office and is eligible for reappointment pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Act.
  
3. Reappointment of Mr. Michael Ian Bell, LL.B as Deputy to Mr. Peter Mullins
  - 3.1 Mr. Bell was first appointed as Deputy to Mr. Mullins on 2 June, 1988. As a Deputy his term of office expires at the same time as that of the Chairman, 30 June, 1990.
  - 3.2 He is a barrister in private practice at Torrens Chambers, Victoria Square, Adelaide.
  - 3.3 He was admitted to the legal profession on 16 February, 1971 and from September 1972 until May 1987 he was employed as a solicitor/barrister in the Crown Solicitor's Office.
  - 3.4 Mr. Mullins has indicated that he will be happy to have Mr. Bell reappointed as his Deputy.

4. Reappointment of Dr. Evelyn Brigitta Von der Linden, BVSc as Deputy to Dr. Julia Nicholls

- 4.1 Dr. Von der Linden was first appointed as Deputy to Dr. Nicholls on 8 June, 1989. As a Deputy her term of office expires at the same time as that of Dr. Nicholls, 30 June, 1990.
- 4.2 She is a veterinary surgeon who conducts a small animal practice at Newton.
- 4.3 The AVA have nominated her for reappointment as Deputy to Dr. Nicholls.
- 4.4 Dr. Nicholls has indicated that she will be happy to have Dr. Von der Linden as her Deputy.



VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT, 1985

Veterinary Surgeons Board - 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)

Registrar - Donald Rodney Andrews, Department of Agriculture

Appoint. Date	Name	Address	Position	Vice	Appoint. 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 B.V.Sc.		Member		30/6/92	MA 2/87
* 1/7/87	NICHOLLS, JULIA MARY B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S.		Member		30/6/90	MA 2/87
9/7/87	HARRIS, SARAH CATHERINE B.A.		Member		8/7/91	MA 2/87
28/7/88	CLARKE, REX JAMES B.V.Sc.		Member	R.B. Humphris	27/7/91	MA 2/87
1/7/89	HAMILTON, JOHN LEONARD B.V.Sc.		Member	F.L. Hollis	30/6/92	MA 2/87
2/6/88	BELL, MICHAEL IAN LL.B.		Deputy to	Mullins	30/6/90	MA 2/87

Appoint. Date:	Name	Address	Position	Vice	Appoint. Expires	Reference
1/7/89	VANDEGRAAFF, ROBIN B.V.Sc., M.V.S.	6(1) Personal affairs	Deputy to	Holmden	30/6/92	MA 2/87
1/7/89	VON DER LINDEN EVELYN BRIGITTA B.V.Sc.		Deputy to	Nicholls	30/6/90	MA 2/87
9/7/88	COMPTON, JOY HELLEN		Deputy to	Harris	8/7/91	MA 2/87
28/7/88	LEHMANN, DEBRA RUTH B.V.M.S.		Deputy to	Clarke	27/7/91	MA 2/87
25/2/88	LITTLE, KEITH BOND B.V.Sc., M.A.C.V.Sc.		Deputy to	Hamilton	30/6/89	MA 2/87

FEES: Chairman - \$116 per session (4 hours) \$29.00/hour or part thereafter  
(as from 1/7/89)

Member - \$97 per session (4 hours) \$24.25/hour or part thereafter

Travel expenses for approved officers \$ P.S. Rates, CD 6.

Investigation Expenses at the rate of \$50 for each completed hour



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The Hon. Lynn Arnold, M.P.,  
Minister of Agriculture,  
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25th May, 1990

Dear Minister,

The Australian Veterinary Association (SA Division) nominates Dr. Julia Mary Nicholls, 322 Prospect Road, Prospect as its representative on the S.A. Veterinary Surgeon's Board with Dr. Evelyn Brigitta Von Der Linden, 180 Gorge Road, Newton as Dr. Nicholls' deputy.

Yours sincerely,

*for* P.H. Phillips,  
Hon. Secretary.