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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
Member of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
North Terrace
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Dear Ms Scriven

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 5 January 2022, seeking access to the following:

“Please provide all correspondence including but not limited to written, electronic (email or text) and notes that Minister Basham and his Chief of Staff Mr Simon Price has received or sent in relation to the employment and subsequent resignation of PIRSA Chief Executive Ms Michelle Edge between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022”

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located one document that is captured within the scope of your request.

Determination 1

I have determined that access to the following document is **granted in full**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Email to PIRSA All Staff from Mehdi Doroudi (PIRSA) dated 8 December 2021 RE: Michelle Edge stepped down as Chief Executive of the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.	2

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in Minister Basham’s disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf

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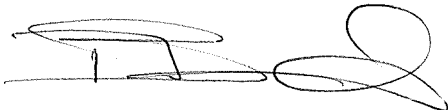
If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing within fourteen calendar days from the date of this determination.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your right of review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the "Application for Review of Determination" and returning the completed form to:

Freedom of Information Principal Officer
Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
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Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Mr Simon Price, Chief of Staff on 8226 2931 or email: PIRSA:Minister.Basham@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Bond', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Fiona Bond
Accredited FOI Officer
**OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

3/12/2022

Price, Simon (PIRSA)

From: Doroudi, Mehdi (PIRSA)
Sent: Wednesday, 8 December 2021 12:33 PM
To: DL:PIRSA All Staff
Subject: Message to PIRSA staff

Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi everyone,

Earlier today, Michelle Edge stepped down as Chief Executive of the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).

Michelle was appointed as the Chief Executive of PIRSA in 2020 and since then has led the department through the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the state's response to the current fruit fly outbreak.

On behalf of the Executive Leadership Team and employees across PIRSA, I thank Michelle for her leadership during a challenging time for the department.

While the government undertakes a process to seek a new Chief Executive, I have been asked to act in the role.

I understand that change can bring about feelings of uncertainty for many, and I encourage you to focus on continuing the excellent work you deliver to the department. It's a busy time for all of us and our attention must remain on advancing the prosperity of our primary industries across the many programs, initiatives and regions we have underway.

As I settle into my acting Chief Executive responsibilities, I will be sure to connect with you again.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,

Professor Mehdi Doroudi PSM, GAICD | A/Chief Executive
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