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Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the South Australian Public Health Council by:

Professor Paddy Phillips

Presiding Member, South Australian Public Health Council



Signature

16/10/2018

Date

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The role of the South Australian Public Health Council is to ensure the Chief Public Health Officer meets his statutory obligations under section 21 of the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* (the Act) by providing assistance and advice about a broad range of public health related matters.

Objectives

The key objective of the South Australian Public Health Council is to assist and advise the Chief Public Health Officer in relation to:

- The protection and promotion of public health.
- The development and maintenance of a system of strategic planning for public health at the local, regional and state-wide levels.
- The development of health plans.
- Strategies to ensure that a sufficiently trained and skilled workforce is in place for the purposes of the Act.
- Programs to promote public health research in the State.
- The preparation of the biennial Chief Public Health Officer's report.
- The setting of standards and qualifications for authorised officers.
- Any other functions assigned by the Minister or the Chief Public Health Officer.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Assist in meeting statutory obligations under the Act by providing advice and assistance to the Chief Public Health Officer in order to respond to requests relating to public health matters.	Better prevention for a better South Australia
Promote public health within the State by raising awareness through public health programs and social media.	Better prevention for a better South Australia

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
Minister for Health – Excellence in Public Health Awards	Interest shown by local councils in entering innovative initiatives that resulted in positive public health outcomes for the community.	Local council award winners use the prize to further progress public health initiatives in their local council.
Asthma Media Campaign	There were 5,086 unique page visits to the campaign webpage, www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/asthmahayfever , during the campaign period from 20 September to 30 November 2017. This represents an increase of 634% above the target set for website visits	South Australians with asthma and those with hay fever have a heightened awareness that high pollen counts in spring may worsen their condition.

Legislation administered by the agency

The *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* is administered by the Department for Health and Wellbeing and Local Government.

Organisation of the agency

The South Australian Public Health Council membership comprises professionals with public health qualifications, experience in the prevention and control of communicable diseases, experience in non-government community sector activities relevant to public health, experience in health promotion, and nominees from the Local Government Association, Environmental Health Australia (SA) Inc and the Environment Protection Authority.

The list of members and deputy members are available on the [SA Health website](#).

One (1) member of the South Australian Public Health Council is employed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing.

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister’s area/s of responsibility)

Department for Health and Wellbeing

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Result of the program
The member on the Council who is employed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing (the Department) and Department staff who support the Council participate in the Department's employment opportunity programs	The Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report on the SA Health Website highlights key programs available to staff. Refer to www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
The member on the Council who is employed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing (the Department) and Department staff who support the Council participate in the Department's performance management and development system	The Department for Health and Ageing Annual Report on the SA Health Website highlights key programs available to staff. Refer to www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Program name and brief description	Effectiveness
The member on the Council who is employed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing (the Department) and Department staff who support the Council participate in the Department's work, health, safety and return to work programs as appropriate.	The Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report on the SA Health Website highlights key programs available to staff. Refer to www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Work health and safety and return to work performance

	2017-18	2016-17	% Change (+ / -)
Workplace injury claims			
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0%
Fatalities	0	0	0%
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0%
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0%	0%
Work health and safety regulation			
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>WHS Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0%
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>WHS Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0%
Return to work costs**			
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0%
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0%

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the *Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

**before third party recovery

Data for the past five years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil to Report	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

On appointment to the SAPHC, members receive a copy of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet 'Honesty and accountability for members of government boards' and a copy of the Act. Conditions of appointment for members of the SAPHC are clearly set out in section 28 of the Act.

All relevant South Australian Government policies and processes are strictly adhered to and monitored.

SAPHC is an advisory body and the risk of members having the opportunity to commit

fraud is negligible.

Data for previous years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for previous years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES 2 Level	1

Data for previous years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
Consultancies below \$10,000 each	Nil	0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each	Nil	0
Total all consultancies		0

Data for previous years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Contractor	Purpose	Value
Nil to Report	N/A	0

Data is available at: [Data.SA](#)

The details of all South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [here](#).

The website also provides details of Across government contracts [here](#).

Financial performance of the agency

The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. The information is unaudited. Full audited financial statements for 2017-18 are attached to this report.

Nil to Report

Other financial information

Nil to Report

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Not Applicable

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

<p><i>South Australian Public Health Act 2011</i></p>
<p>Part 3-Administration</p> <p>Division 3-South Australian Public Health Council</p> <p>35—Annual Report</p> <p>(1) SAPHC must, on or before 31 October in each year, provide to the Minister a report on its activities for the financial year ending the preceding 30 June.</p>
<p>In 2017-18, the South Australian Public Health Council considered and provided advice on a range of matters, of note were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the South Australian Public Health Council • South Australian Public Health Council Membership • Public Health Review Panel • Public Health Review Panel Workshops • Review of the State Public Health Plan • Public Health Emergency Management Plan Review • Minister for Health and Wellbeing – Excellence in Public Health Awards • South Australian Public Health Indicator Framework <p>Details of the public health matters considered by the South Australian Public Health Council are available on the SA Health website.</p>

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

The *Carers' Recognition Act* is deemed applicable for the following: Department of Human Services, Department for Education, Department for Health and Wellbeing, Department of State Development, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, South Australia Police and TAFE SA.

Section 7: Compliance or non-compliance with section 6 of the Carers Recognition Act 2005 and (b) if a person or body provides relevant services under a contract with the organisation (other than a contract of employment), that person's or body's compliance or non-compliance with section 6.

Not Applicable

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by the South Australian Public Health Council	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
Nil to Report	0

Data for previous years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
Nil to Report	Nil to Report

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2017-18

The South Australian Public Health Council is unincorporated and therefore does not provide financial statements.