



Principal Advisor

Role title	Principal Advisor	Classification	ASO8
Branch	Revenue, Economics & Policy	Type of Appointment	Temporary
Section	Priority Reforms	Position Number	P50309
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Who we are

At the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), we're building a world-class Treasury for South Australia – it's about the people and the impact we create together.

We're South Australia's lead agency for economic, digital and financial policy outcomes. Our work touches every corner of the state, from enabling frontline services to driving digital transformation. And we do it all with one purpose: to make life better for the people who call South Australia home.

What sets us apart



Good people...
who welcome you

Join a team of highly skilled people who are genuinely keen to connect, collaborate and support each other in the pursuit of excellence.



Interesting work...
that challenges you

Apply your skills to meaningful work. Whether you're working on major policy decisions or working behind the scenes, your work here matters.



Serious impact...
that connects you

See your work translated into the infrastructure, services and prosperity of South Australia.

Working for DTF includes

Flexibility and Reach	We actively promote flexible working arrangements and value diversity in the workplace. This role may involve occasional out-of-hours work or travel, offering a unique window into all that's happening across South Australia.
Continuous Growth	You will participate in our Departmental Performance Management Program, designed to support your personal growth and help you build a compelling career.
Broad Exposure	You may be assigned to other positions at the same level, providing multi-disciplinary exposure, a variety of work and professional development opportunities.

About your branch

The Revenue, Economics and Policy branch delivers robust analysis, strategic advice and innovative solutions to

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address priority social, economic, revenue and financial policy issues, supporting informed decision-making across government. Principal Advisor

The branch leads initiatives that address complex policy, economic, data and fiscal challenges, driving improved outcomes across key social and economic priorities. It provides whole-of-government leadership and advice on financial management matters and brings together expertise in state taxation, Commonwealth–State financial relations, economics and data analytics to deliver revenue forecasts, economic insights and evidence-based policy advice that inform government priorities and decision-making.

The branch includes the Priority Reforms, Revenue, Economics, Board of Treasurers Secretariat and Financial Management Advisory teams, as well as the Office for Data Analytics.

What you will do

- Manage and lead policy development and analysis, as well as complex financial and budget analysis.
- Manage the establishment and maintenance of effective working relationships at a senior level with clients and project stakeholders.
- Lead, plan, develop, implement, evaluate and co-ordinate complex, cross government policy reform projects aligned to strategic goals and vision of the department and government.
- Ensure cross government policy reform projects are delivered within deadlines, budgets and achieve agreed project outcomes with risks proactively identified and mitigated
- Provide high-quality, evidence-based advice to the Director and Department Executives, including recommendations on complex policy matters and reform projects.
- Provide a significant level of policy analysis and advice on highly complex subject matters dealing with the development of policy positions within a larger team.
- Manage and prepare submissions, briefs, and reports on complex policy issues.
- Effectively identify and manage risks related to your role in line with the DTF Risk Management Framework.
- Operate in line with public sector values, including integrity, inclusion and workplace safety and in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and standards.

Working relationships

Key relationships include:

- Senior DTF Executives
- Ministerial Office Staff
- Internal and external stakeholders
- Other government agencies

Team, budget and reporting responsibilities

Reports to: Director, Priority Reforms

Direct Reports: Senior Analyst ASO7, Analyst ASO5

Broader team: Part of a team of 7.0 FTE within Priority Reforms

Budget: No direct budget

What you bring (essential criteria)

What the role requires:

- Superior written and oral communication, including the ability to explain complex concepts succinctly and clearly and to be able to successfully negotiate outcomes.

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- Significant policy development, implementation, evaluation and/or reform experience.
- Shaping strategic thinking and providing innovative policy advice, including through the demonstrated use of high-level analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Proven ability to think creatively, exercise initiative and apply sound judgement.
- A high level of personal drive and professionalism, including the ability to manage highly sensitive issues with tact, discretion and strict confidentiality.
- Strong interpersonal skills, including proven ability to consult, influence and negotiate, and work effectively with a range of stakeholders to resolve issues.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.
- Ability to plan, prioritise and organise work to meet deadlines and competing demands.

Additional capabilities (desirable)

It's not essential, but we'd love you to have:

- Experience working with data and complex financial information to inform decision making
- Tertiary (University bachelor's degree level) qualifications in accountancy, finance, business management, economics, commerce, law, public policy or other relevant field

Special Conditions

To ensure we remain South Australia's trusted advisor, safeguarding our state's economy and protecting the people we serve, the successful candidate will be required to undergo relevant screening assessments in line with our Employment Screening Policy. These checks ensure we maintain the high standards of a world-class Treasury.

☒ Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check

☐ SAPOL

☐ Working with Children Check

☐ Security Clearance (Baseline, Negative Vetting Level 1, Negative Vetting Level 2, or Positive Vetting)

☐ Other: