Our Ref: F2021/000248

Government of South Australia

Department for Energy and Mining

Hon Peter Malinauskas MP
Office of the Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Via Email: [redacted]@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP

I am writing in relation to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act) in which you requested access to the following documents:

All documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, internal discussion papers, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) referencing the number of local jobs created by Sonnen since establishing a headquarters in South Australia. From 25/03/2018 to 2/03/2021.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, if you are given access to documents as a result of this FOI application, details of your application, and the documents to which access is given, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars.

A search has been conducted and ten (10) documents were discovered that fall within the scope of your application. The documents are identified in the attached schedule. In respect of the documents, I have determined as follows:

Documents 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7

I have determined that these documents should be released in part.

With regards to these documents, the parts to which I have not granted you access contain information that is not relevant to your application and have been marked as 'Out of scope'.

Documents 1 and 9

I have determined that these documents should be released in part.

With regard to these documents, the parts to which I have not granted you access are the details of third parties including names, email address, mobile telephone numbers and signatures of employees.

Under Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act, a document is an exempt document if its disclosure would involve the 'unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person'. This information falls within the definition of personal affairs under the FOI Act and is therefore exempt from release pursuant to Clause 6(1).

Documents 3, 8 and 10

I have determined that this document should be released in part.

With regard to this document, the parts to which I have not granted you access are the details of third parties including names, email address, telephone numbers and private addresses, mobile telephone numbers and signatures of employees.

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Information that is not relevant to the scope of your application has been marked as 'Out of Scope'.

Exemptions

For your information, the following exemptions apply:

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).

Appeal Rights

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you are entitled to exercise your rights of review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation.

If you have any queries in relation to your application, please contact me on [redacted] or via email DEM.FOI@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Julianne Cirson
Accredited FOI Officer

22 June 2021

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Freedom of Information application by the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, seeking access to:

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Doc No	Description	Exemption Clause(s)	Determination
1	Email and attachments dated 23 November 2018	Clause 6 – Personal affairs	Document released in part.
2	Attachment 1 to email dated 23 November 2018.	Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document released in part
3	Attachment 2 to email dated 23 November 2018	Clause 6 – Personal affairs Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document released in part
4	SA Government Volume Guarantee Report – Quarter 4/2018	Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope".	Document released in part
5	SA Government Volume Guarantee Report – Quarter 1/2019	Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope".	Document released in part
6	Meeting and Event briefing dated 23 September 2019	Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document released in part
7	SA Government Volume Guarantee Report – Quarter 3/2019 dated 30 September 2019	Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document exempt in full.
8	Email dated 17 October 2019	Clause 6 – Personal affairs Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document released in part.
9	Email dated 28 August 2020	Clause 6 – Personal affairs	Document released in part.
10	Email dated 8 February 2021	Clause 6 – Personal affairs Information not relevant to your application has been marked as "Out of scope"	Document released in part.

Jennings, Shaun (DEM)

From: Wishart, Miriam (DEM)
Sent: Friday, 23 November 2018 5:52 PM
To: Kelly, Dominic (DEM); Clause 6(1)
Cc: Atkinson, Natalie (DEM); Muller, Melissa (DEM); Coulson, Evelyn (DEM); Booth, Yvette (DEM)
Subject: Minute to Minister and Minute to Premier - HBS and sonnen update
Attachments: 20181122 - Attachment 1 - Minute to Premier - HBS and sonnen update.DOCX; 20181121 - Minute to Minister - HBS and sonnen update.DOC

Importance: High

Categories: AlphaESS FOI 9411049, Jobs FOI 9413383, sonnen jobs FOI 9411264

Hi Dom

Please see attached draft Minute to the Minister and forwarding Minute to the Premier regarding the Home Battery Scheme and sonnen ahead of sonnen's media launch of their manufacturing facility in Elizabeth on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

You will receive a final signed-off copy on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Miriam Wishart
Senior Policy Officer

Energy Implementation
Department for Energy and Mining

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MEETING/EVENT BRIEF

Government of South Australia

Premier's Reference No.:PREM - B
Minister's File No: D18148053

TO: PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RE: HOME BATTERY SCHEME AND UPDATE ON SONNEN

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The company has currently announced and employed 53 workers at the GMH facility as of Monday 19 November 2018.

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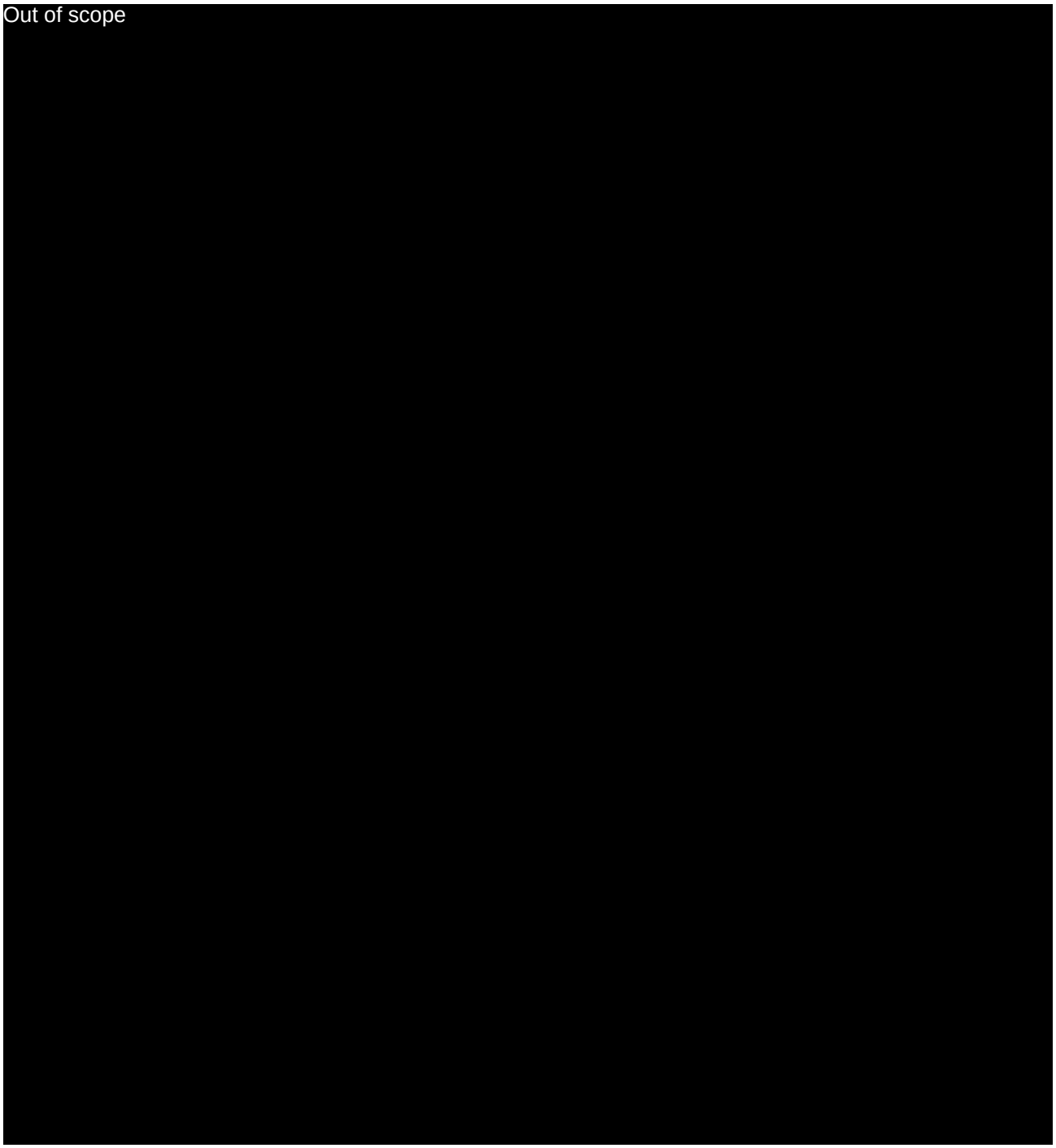

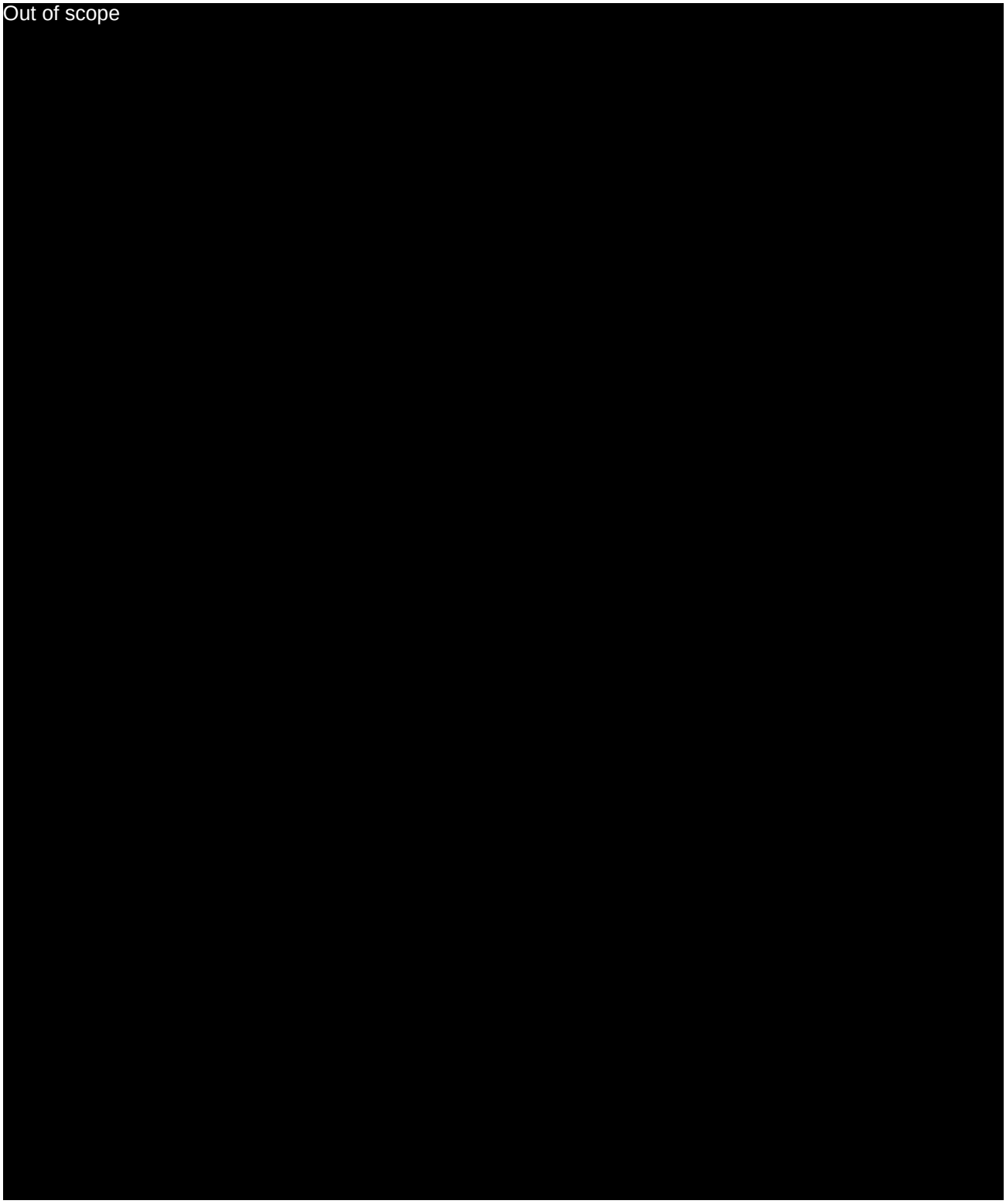
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Department for Energy and Mining

D1814052

TO: **MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINING**

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON HOME BATTERY SCHEME AND SONNEN**

Decision/Action required by:	26/11/18

Business Unit	Energy Implementation		
Prepared by	Miriam Wishart Senior Policy Officer (ext 93498)	……MW…….. *Initial*	23/11/18 *date*
Executive Director	Clause 6(1)	…….. *initial*	…… *date*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Minister:

1. **Note the background information about the Home Battery Scheme and sonnen ahead of your meeting with sonnen and the media launch of their Australian manufacturing facility on Tuesday 27 November 2018.**

Noted

2. **Consider and forward the attached Minute to the Premier about sonnen's media launch of their Australian manufacturing facility on Tuesday 27 November 2018.**

Approved/Not Approved

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Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
Minister for Energy and Mining

Date:

Comment

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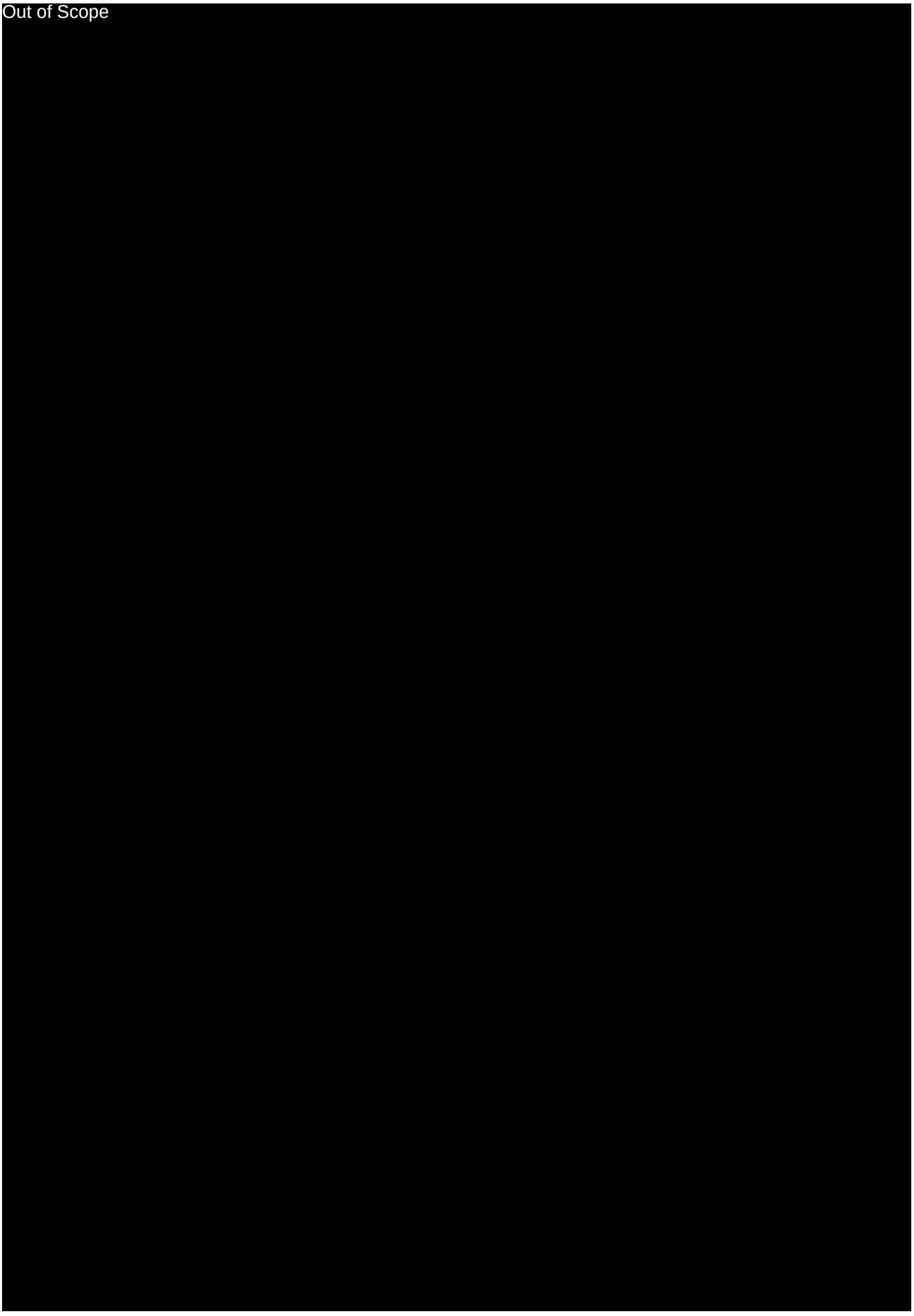

sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 4/2018

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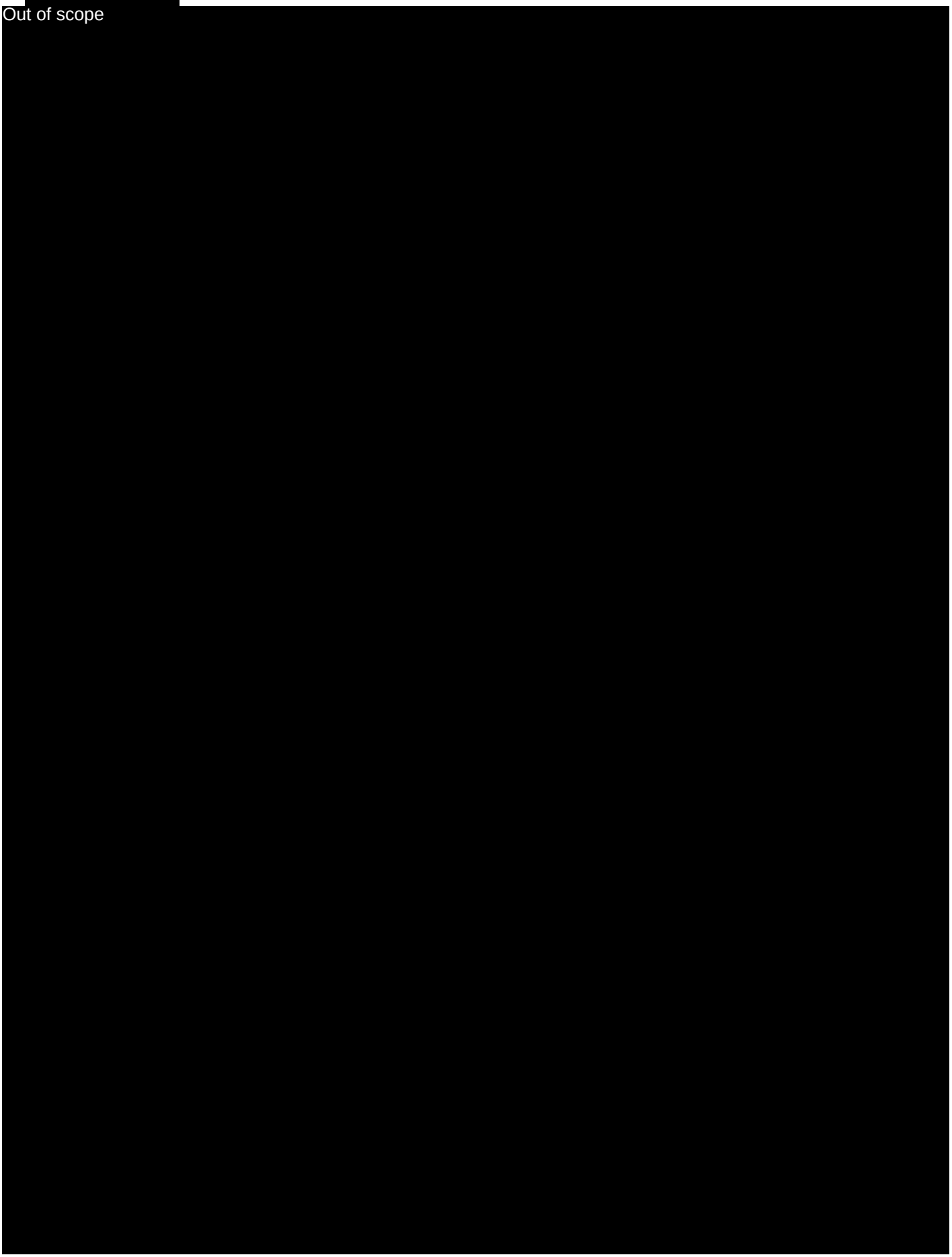

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Headcount- Location 31 December 2018	FT	PT	Total
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SA	37		37

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sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 1/2019

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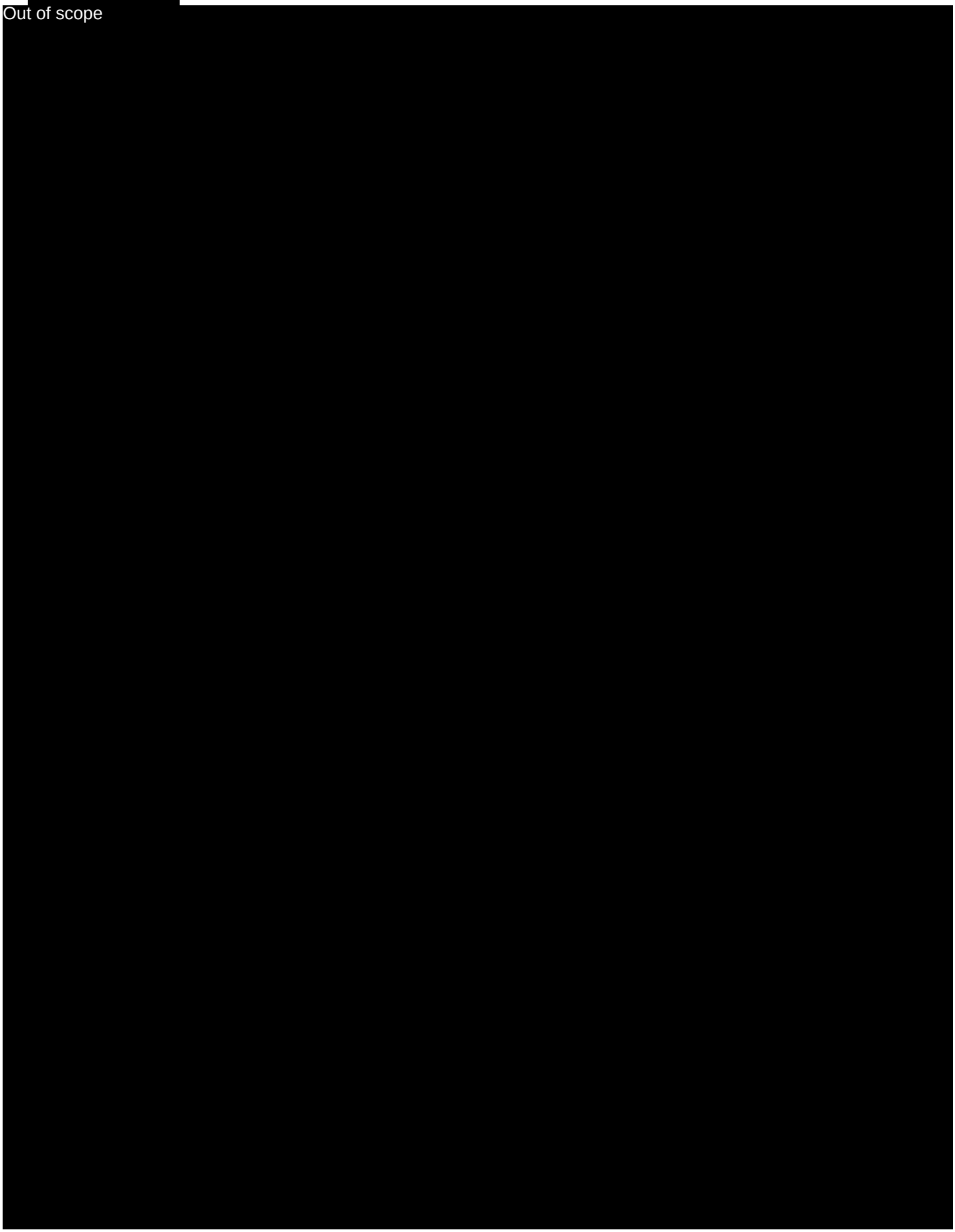

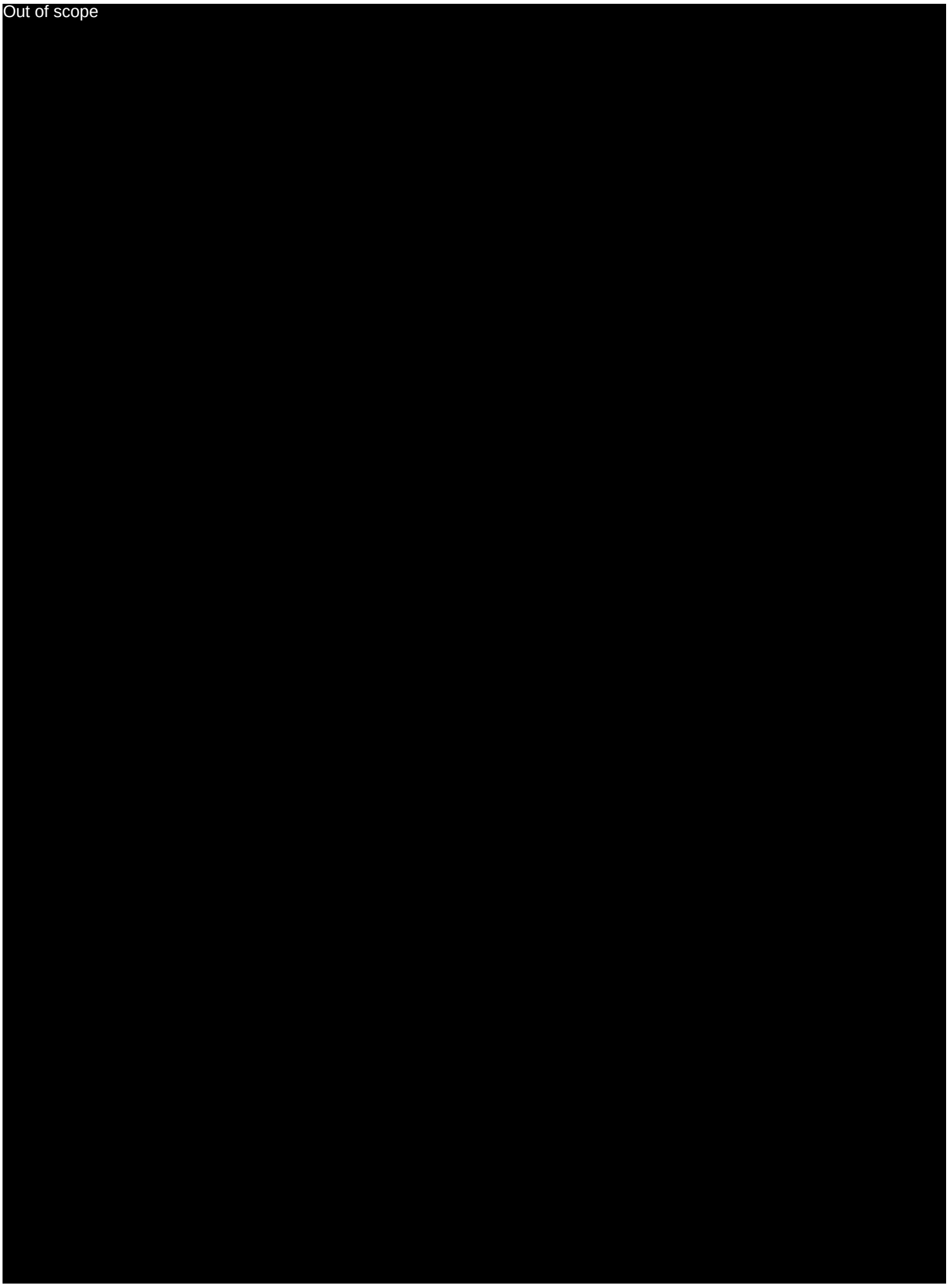
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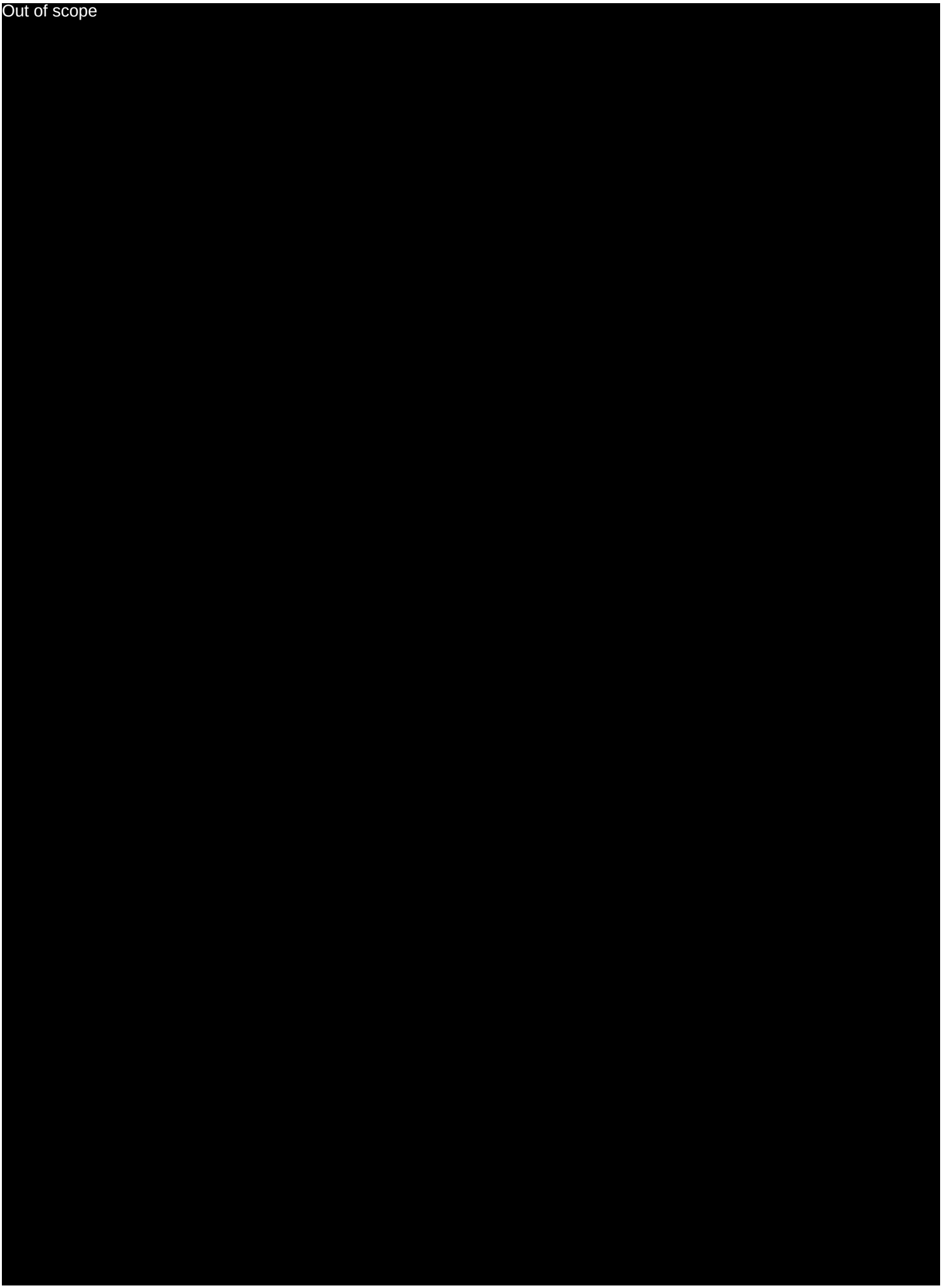

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Headcount- Location 28 March 2019	FT	PT	Total
Out of scope			
SA	40		40

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SENSITIVE: COMMERCIAL

Meeting/Event Brief

MINISTER VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN

1. **Visit to sonnen facility to announce that sonnen has received two industry leading accreditations as a South Australian manufacturer.**

Out of scope

3. **Time and Date** 11.30am – 12.30pm, Friday 18 October 2019

4. **Location**

sonnen factory
Tenancy 6, Lionsgate Business Park
180 Philip Highway
Elizabeth South SA 5122

Out of scope

Out of Scope

As at 16 October 2019, there are 47 sonnen employees in South Australia.

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sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 3/2019

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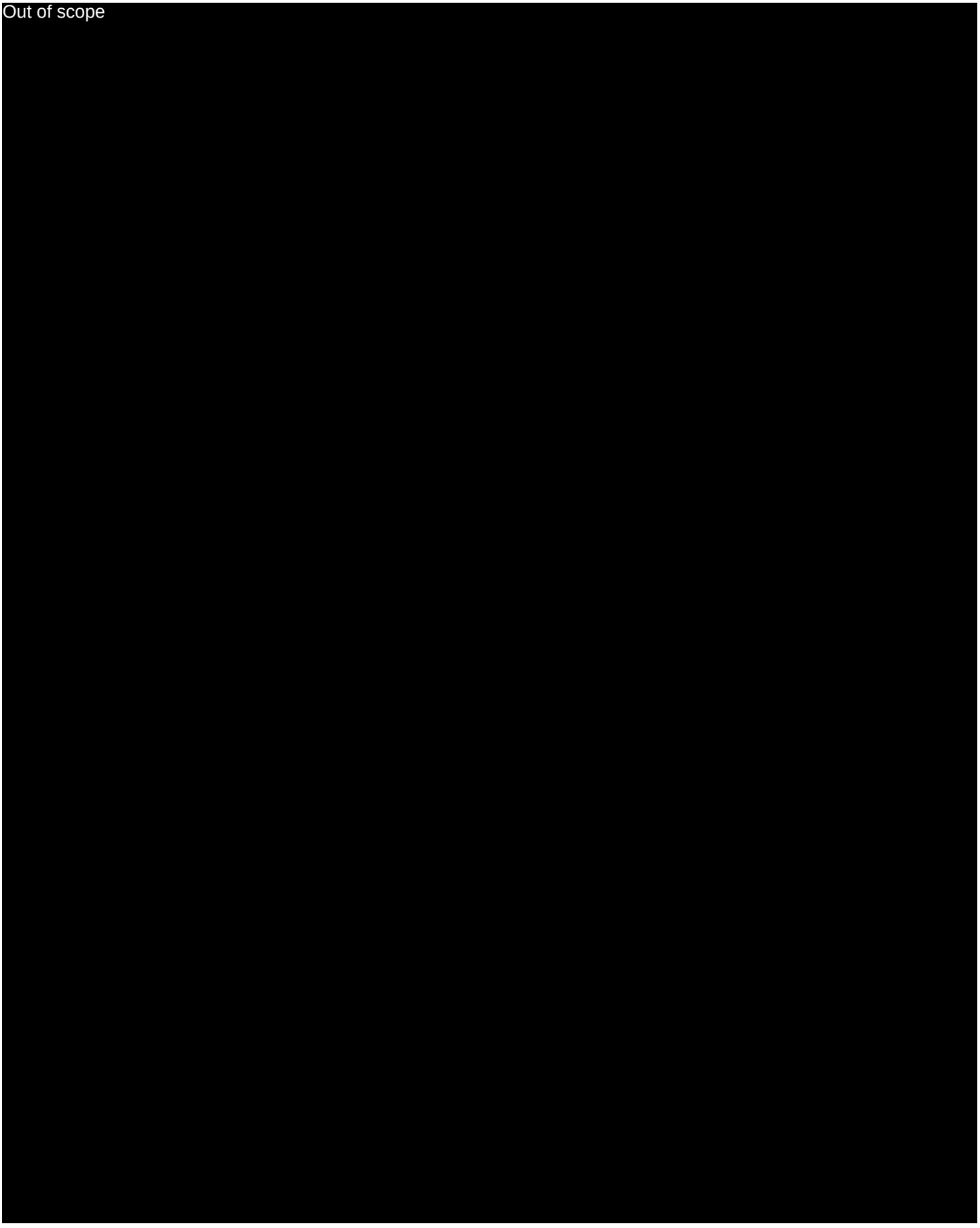

sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 3/2019

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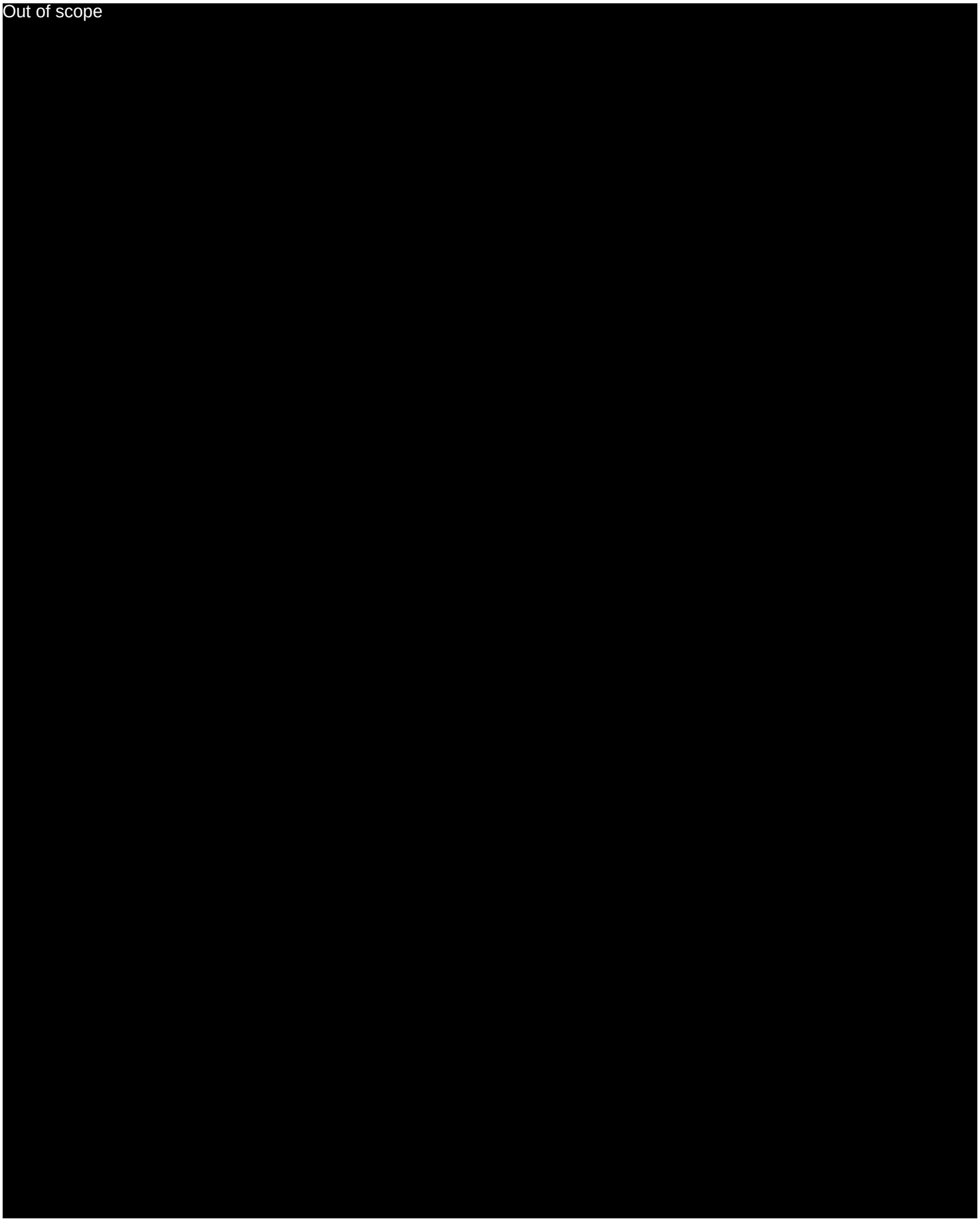

sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 3/2019

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Headcount- Location 30 September 2019	FT	PT	Total
Out of scope			
SA	43	3	46

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sonnen Out of scope – Quarter 3/2019

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Jennings, Shaun (DEM)

From: Muller, Melissa (DEM)
Sent: Thursday, 17 October 2019 5:43 PM
To: Heithersay, Paul (DEM); Kelly, Dominic (DEM)
Cc: Atkinson, Natalie (DEM); Oster, Scott (DEM); Day, Richard (DEM); Temby, Jemma (DEM)
Subject: sonnen volume guarantee

Out of Scope

- The reported AEE (employment) figure is 44.12 with a total figure which includes direct and indirect employment numbers of 50.51

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Kind regards

Melissa Muller
A/Director, Projects

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Jennings, Shaun (DEM)

From: Muller, Melissa (DEM)
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 2:38 PM
To: Clause 6(1) Mazengarb, Simone (DEM)
Subject: FW: HBS - Jobs Update

Melissa Muller
Project Manager, Home Battery Scheme

Clean Energy Transition
Department for Energy and Mining

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From: Clause 6(1)
Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 11:40 AM
To: Muller, Melissa (DEM) <Melissa.Muller@sa.gov.au>; Clause 6(1)
Subject: RE: HBS - Jobs Update

Hi Melissa

The headcount in SA at the moment is 30 (27 F/T, 3 P/T)

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Kind Regards,

Clause 6(1)

#10yearsofenergyfuture

13 SONNEN (137 666)
Clause 6(1)

From: Muller, Melissa (DEM) <Melissa.Muller@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 11:04 AM
To: Clause 6(1)
Subject: HBS - Jobs Update

Hi Clause 6(1)

Hope you are both well.

In April you provided an update on sonnen jobs in SA, can you please provide an update please.

Thanks
Melissa

Kind Regards
Melissa Muller
Project Manager, Home Battery Scheme

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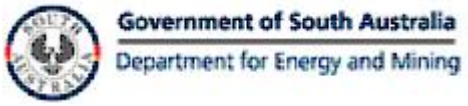

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Jennings, Shaun (DEM)

From: Clause 6(1)
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 12:58 PM
To: Clause 6(1)
Subject: RE: Update on activities at Elizabeth for Home Battery Scheme project management.

Hi C6(1)

Please see below an extract from a report we are pulling together every six months.

FTE

Headcount- Location 31 December 2020	FT	PT	Total	FTE
South Australia	28	3	31	29.97

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Kind Regards,
Clause 6(1)

sonnen

Clause 6(1)

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From: Clause 6(1)
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 9:54 AM
To: Clause 6(1)
Subject: Update on activities at Elizabeth for Home Battery Scheme project management.

Hi C6(1)

Just on a slightly different topic to the one we have recently corresponded on, I am currently acting in Melissa Muller's role as project manager for the Home Battery Scheme. I have been asked to compile an update on sonnen's activities and staffing levels at Elizabeth. From memory, this is something the Melissa requests from time to time.

If you would be kind enough to provide an update, I would certainly appreciate it.

Kindest regards,

C6(1)

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