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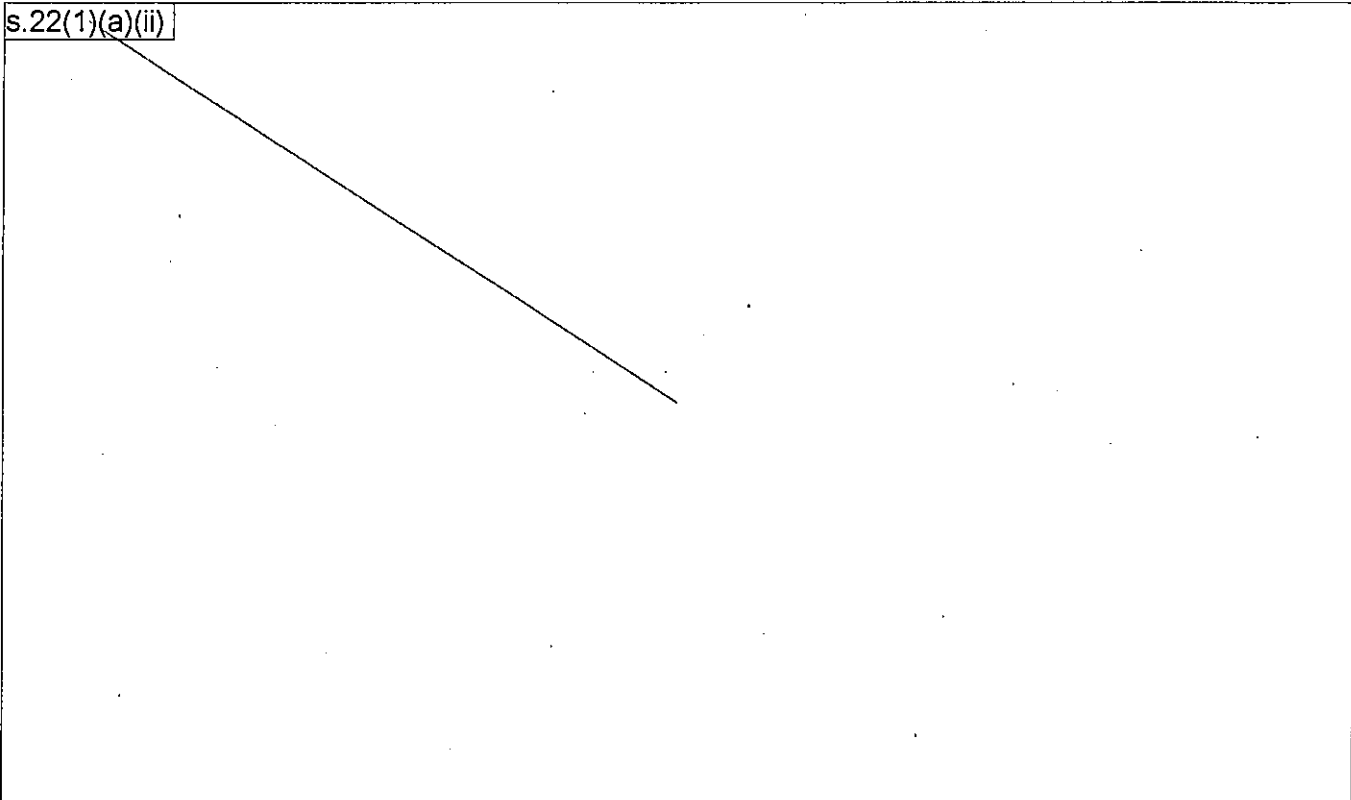
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Please find attached two media statements from Commissioner Wagambie regarding

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the arrest of ENB businessman Eremas Wartoto.

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s.22(1)(a)(ii) Commissioner Wagambie has made it clear that Wartoto's arrest was over alleged misappropriation of RESI funds for the Kerevat National High School.

Thanks.

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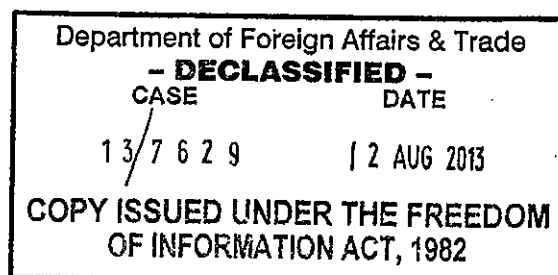
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2. Investigation Taskforce "Sweep", established early after the O'Neill government came to power to investigate corruption and mismanagement in the Planning Department, has maintained a high media profile without yet formally charging anyone s.22(1)(a)(ii)

s.22(1)(a)(ii) The taskforce stands accused of political bias, having pursued individuals with close connections to the former Somare-Abal government, such as

s.22(1)(a)(ii) businessman Eremas Wartoto s.22(1)(a)(ii)

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2. Mr Wartoto has been based in Australia since September 2011, when he departed PNG to avoid prosecution under charges resulting from investigation by Task Force Sweep. He had been arrested in August 2011 for the misappropriation of PGK 7 million of public funds: the scheme allegedly involved collusion with former Planning Minister Tiensten (also subject to an arrest warrant) to channel funds intended for the renovation of Kerovat National High School into Wartoto's airline company, Travel Air. Task Force Sweep believes that Wartoto has misappropriated a further PGK 50 million of government funds through various other illegal means.

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His

arrest, subsequent flight to Australia and continued residence there have been the subject of considerable local - and some Australian - media coverage in the past. s.47C

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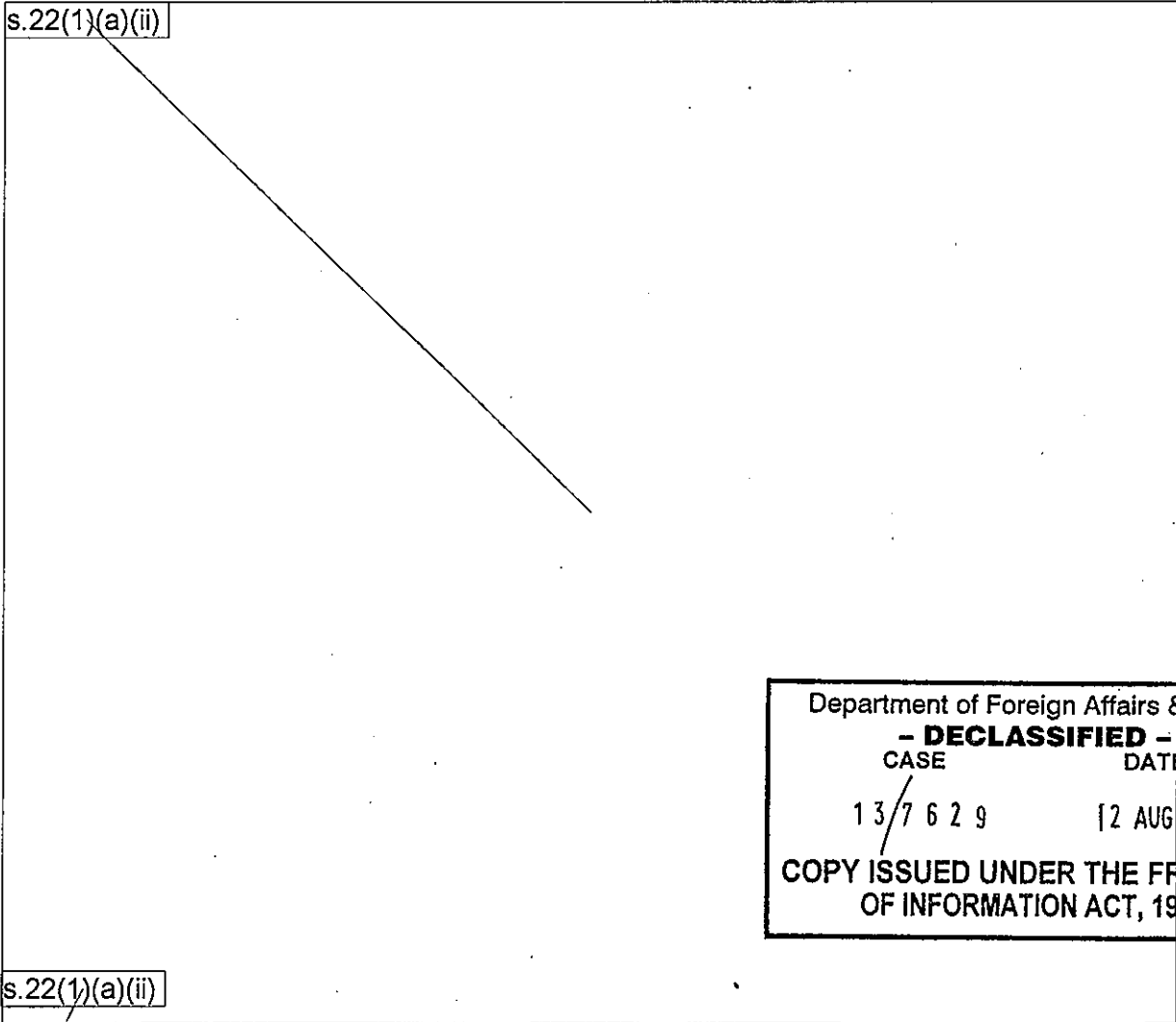
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The anti-corruption investigation at the Planning Department s.22(1)(a)(ii) has yielded its first result, with the arrest on 29 August of prominent East New Britain businessman, Eremas Wartoto. Wartoto, who has recently launched a new airline, Travel Air (for which he allegedly received K10 million from the former Government to help with start-up costs), has been charged with misappropriation of K7 million allocated to one of his companies and meant for work on a local high school.

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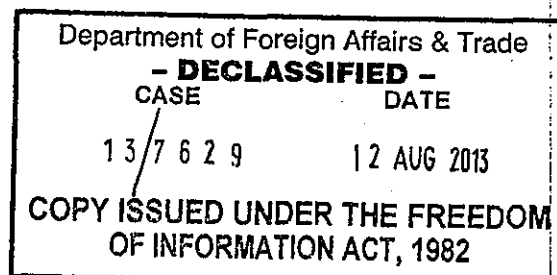
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Summary

Attached are newspaper articles from 3 October reporting that prominent East New Britain businessman Eremas Wartoto has been committed to stand trial in PNG's National Court over his alleged misappropriation of about K7 million intended for the renovation of a high school. Wartoto was arrested by Task Force Sweep in August 2011 over the alleged misappropriation. Wartoto is reported to have been based in Australia since September 2011, and has provided medical certificates that he is too ill to travel to avoid appearing in court in relation to the matter since then. The matter has been listed for mention in the National Court on 5 November.

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Wartoto to stand trial

By JACOB POK

KOKOPO businessman Eremas Wartoto was yesterday committed to stand trial at the National Court after the Waigani Committal Court found sufficient evidence to commit him in relation to misappropriation charges he was facing.

This was Mr. Wartoto's first case to be tried among string of other related charges against him that are still pending in court. In this case, he was alleged to have misappropriated more than K7 million that was intended for rehabilitation of the Kerevat National High School through the Rehabilitation of Education Sector Implementation (RESI) funds.

He was charged in August last year after investigations

were carried out by the Government-sanctioned Task Force Sweep team.

He was alleged to have received two separate payments made into his mother company Sarakolok West Transport.

The first cheque payment he was alleged to have received was K1 million and the second was K6 million. Yesterday presiding magistrate Cosmas Bidar said there were overwhelming evidences that the funds were not used for its intended purposes.

Mr. Bidar said evidence revealed that when the funds were paid into Mr. Wartoto's account, he made special arrangements for the cheques to be cleared as soon as they entered his account.

Fourteen different cheques were raised and paid to different companies from the

two payments," Mr. Bidar said in his ruling. He said evidence revealed that Mr. Wartoto

had various companies that included travel cars, travel air and other companies based in Australia and China. He said those companies were subsidiary to the another company Sarakolok West Transport.

He found that Mr. Wartoto operated a total of 23 different accounts from all of his companies and that he and his wife were the only two signatories to all the accounts.

Mr. Bidar added that between February 2 and May 27, a total of K455,000 was paid to various companies such as Ela Motors, PNG Motors, Boroko Motors, Queen Emma lodges and other companies.

Mr. Wartoto will appear on November 5 for mention at the National Court.

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Wartoto committed to National Court

By ADRIAN MATHIAS
THE Committal Court has committed businessman Eremas Wartoto to the National Court in Waigani to face misappropriation charges.

Wartoto was not in

court when magistrate Cosmas Bidar made the ruling yesterday. He was in Australia.

He was represented by Justin Haiara of Steels Lawyers.

Wartoto, the Travel Air

(Mangi Blo Peles) owner had been in court since Aug 30 last year defending himself against the charges brought against him by the state.

At the national court, he will face charges re-

lating to a K7,989,892 rehabilitation money allocated for the Kerevat National High School in East New Britain.

He is listed to answer the charges in the National Court on Nov 5, 2012.

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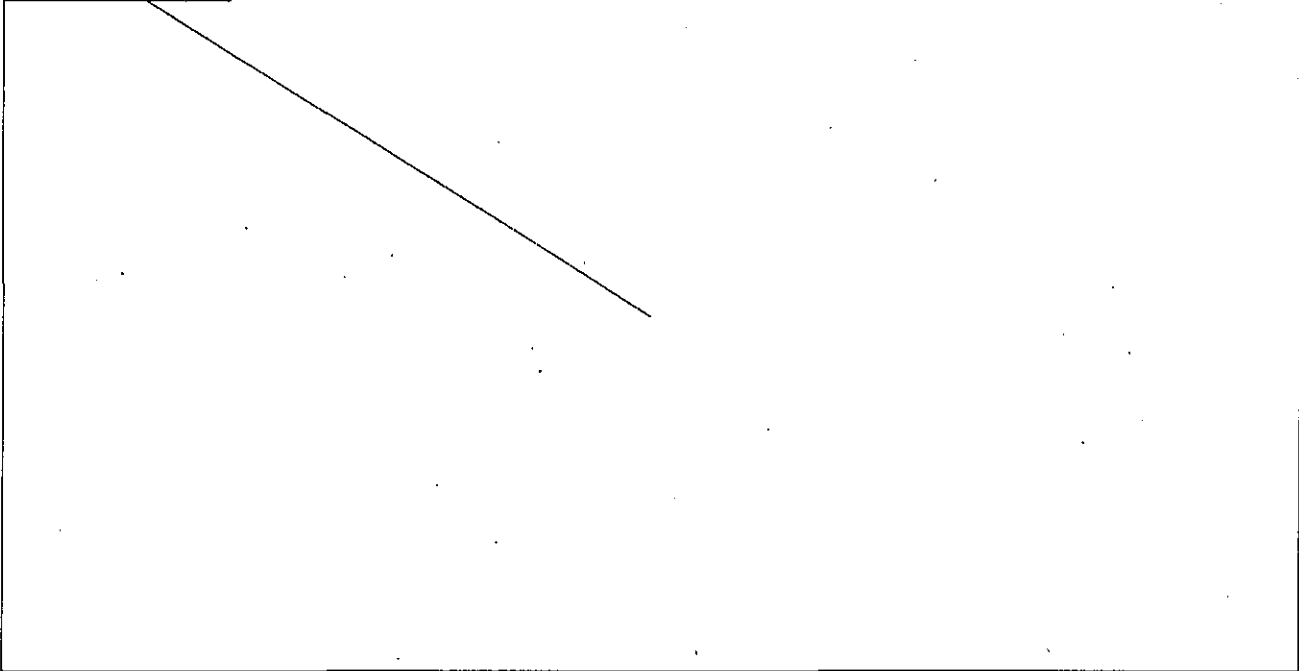
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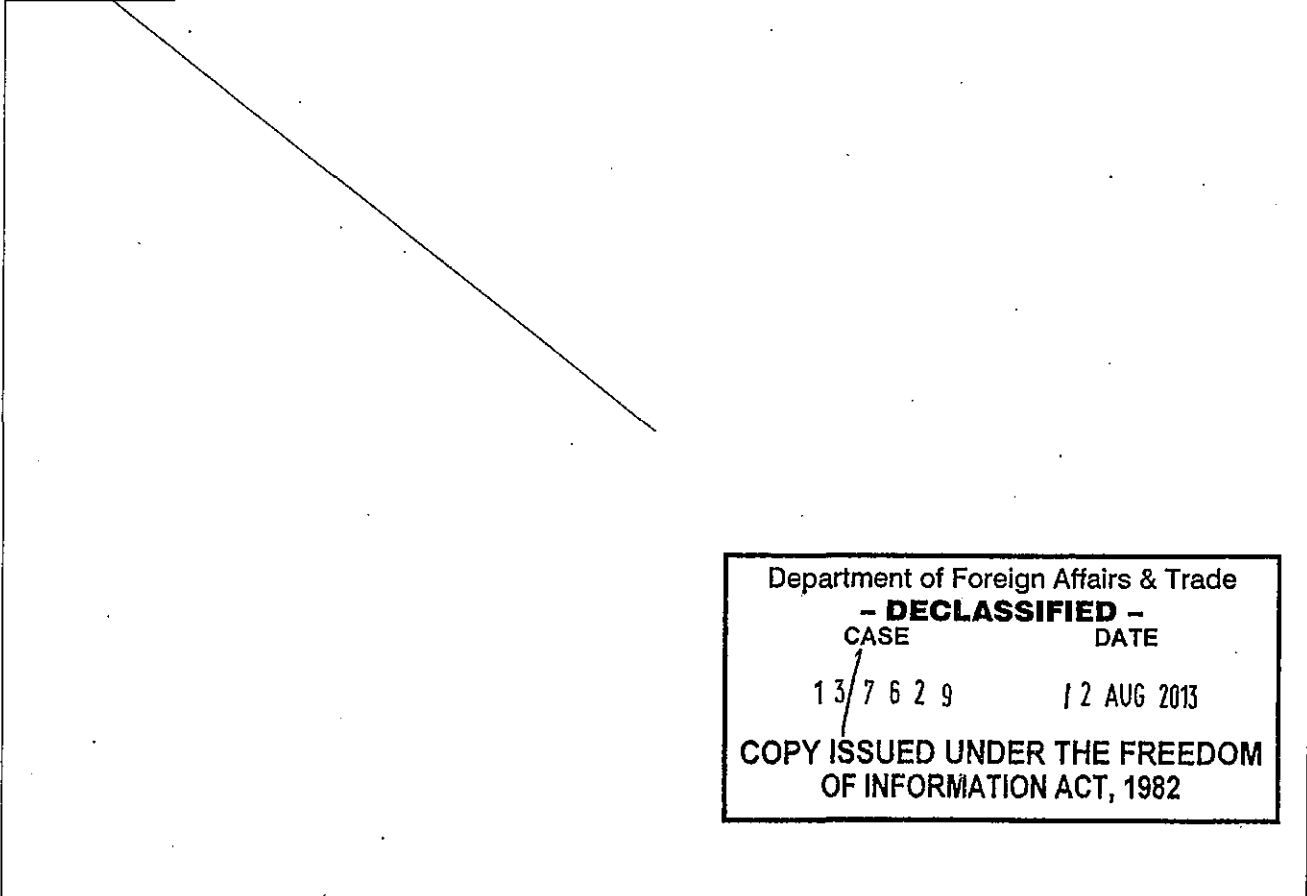
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I think the media angle could be why do we allow a criminal (alleged) to live and work in Australia, and on a 457 visa working for his own company? Doesn't this prove that Australia is a haven for proceeds of crime from PNG?

Deborah Stokes
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In the absence of any movement in the next 18-24 hours on this, I would propose the department tell the journalists:

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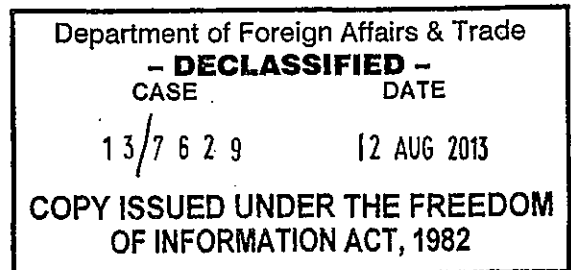
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Some talking points (such as they are) from DIAC.

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These lines above are not cleared, but we will begin that process overnight. We clear these lines with DFAT, AFP and AGD.

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Hi all

Further to the Fairfax questions to Immigration yesterday, please be aware of their continuing inquiries. .
 MLS is consulting with FMO and PAD on a response.

Cheers

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To: patrick.lowe@dfat.gov.au <patrick.lowe@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: medialiaison@dfat.gov.au <medialiaison@dfat.gov.au>; Media
Subject: Fairfax questions re PNG corruption and Australia

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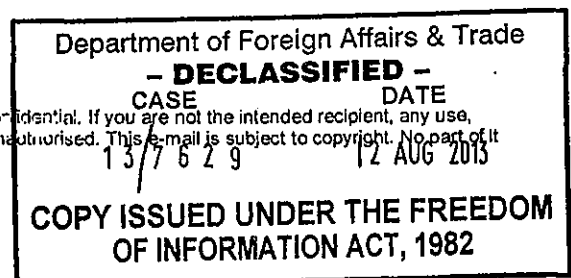
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Will do.

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Lachlan, Kate & s.22(1)(a)(i) [redacted]

Can you also please keep Kathy, Paul and Darrin (copied above) informed on how this is proceeding. The Prime Minister has a doorstep with Australian media including a Fairfax reporter at around 1740 AEST in Port Moresby.

Thanks

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From: s.22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
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To: Klugman, Kathy <kathy.Klugman@pmc.gov.au>; s.22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] Robilliard, Paul <Paul.Robilliard@pm.gov.au>
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Kathy – we are working with DFAT and DIAC on this. Deborah also in the mix and she's asked for additional angles to be covered. We'll get them to you asap.

s.22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

From: Klugman, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2013 11:34 AM
To: s.22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] Robilliard, Paul; s.22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
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Do we have talk points on the issues likely to feature in the smh piece? Thanks, kathy

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To: s.22(1)(a)(ii); Battams, Tom; Robilliard, Paul; Limbrick, Hayley; Klugman, Kathy; Hugg, Felicity; s.22(1)(a)(ii); Stokes, Deborah <Deborah.Stokes@dfat.gov.au>; Adamson, Margaret <Margaret.Adamson@dfat.gov.au>; s.22(1)(a)(ii); s.22(1)(a)(ii); s.22(1)(a)(ii); s.22(1)(a)(ii)
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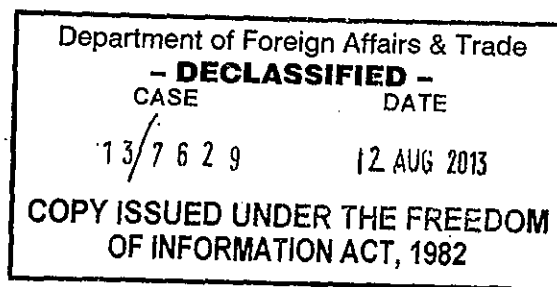
Further to the Fairfax questions to Immigration yesterday, please be aware of their continuing inquiries. .
 MLS is consulting with FMO and PAD on a response.

Cheers

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 'stephen.mullins@afp.gov.au'
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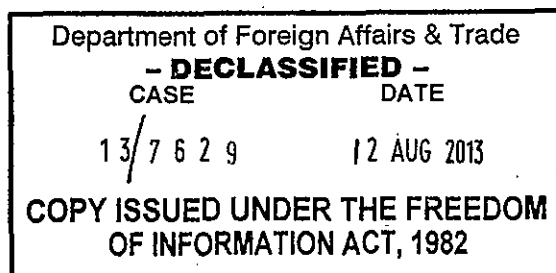
Folks....now online. Have taken one call from Herald Sun but have not been asked anything specific, so declined to add anything to story. FYI.

<http://www.watoday.com.au/national/alleged-png-crime-boss-on-457-visa-wanted-over-theft-of-30m-20130509-2jatx.html>

Cheers
 Sandi

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Kate

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Deborah, Margie,

Following are the draft media talking points for the PM on Wartoto. Some lines reflect drafting by the FMO and DIAC. The points have been cleared by FMO, DIAC, AGD and PMC (at this end). We are still waiting on AFP clearance but given the urgency, we'd be grateful for your comments now. We will re-send to you and the PM's party as soon as they are cleared by AFP (and you).

s.47C

Thanks

Kate

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- This is a legal matter under consideration and it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage.

If asked about the involvement of Senator Carr's office or DFAT in the case:

- Senator Carr's office has had no involvement in this matter.
- DFAT has consulted with DIAC on this matter. As it relates to legal issues it is inappropriate to comment further.

s.47C and s.47F(1)

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s.47C and s.47F(1), s.37(1)(a)



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 Subject: RE: Draft points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [Redacted]

Many thanks for your assistance today and for providing DFAT with this information.

Regards

[Redacted signature box]

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 Taylor, Julie; Cameron Gifford; McCormack, Mark; Perry, Ryan
 Subject: RE: Draft points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, below is some information which reflects AGD's knowledge of this matter.

Kind regards, s.22(1)(a)(ii)

s.22(1)(a)(ii) Director | Mutual Assistance Unit

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Australia cannot take any action to arrest a person pursuant to an extradition request from a foreign country in circumstances in which the person is not in Australia.

s.33(a)(iii) and s.37(1)(a)

s.33(b)

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AGD understands that Wartoto has been charged with two counts of misappropriating property contrary to PNG's Criminal Code 1974.

s.33(b)

AGD

understands that on 26 April 2013 Wartoto was granted bail by the court in PNG in respect of these charges, however AGD is not aware of the current status of Wartoto's bail conditions.

Matters pertaining to the current status of Mr Wartoto's criminal proceedings, including whether or not he has been granted bail and the conditions of any grant of bail are matters for the relevant PNG authorities. Any queries in respect of those issues should be directed to the relevant PNG authorities.

s.33(a)(iii)

From: s.22(1)(a)(ii)

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s.22(1)(a)(ii)

if I understood you correctly, you mentioned that Mr Wartoto was charged in his absence and that his lawyers successfully obtained bail, which does not include any condition preventing him from departing PNG or any other travel restrictions. I'd be grateful if you could confirm that this is correct.

s.33(a)(iii)

Kind regards

s.22(1)(a)(ii)

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 Subject: RE: Draft points [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [REDACTED] s.22(1)(a)(ii)

I have discussed these media point with FAS (a/g) and he has made the following comments.

- (1) DIAC will implement any decision the Foreign Minister makes in relation to cancelling the visa under PIC 4003(a).
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- (3) Although the Migration Act 1958 does contain character provisions for the cancellation of a visa, these do not come into effect until Mr Wartoto has been convicted and received a sentence of at least 12 months.

I have indicated on the email below the changes required by the FAS.

Kev

Kev Thorburn
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Kev,

As discussed, here are the points.

Grateful urgent clearance.

Thanks

[s.22(1)(a)(ii)]
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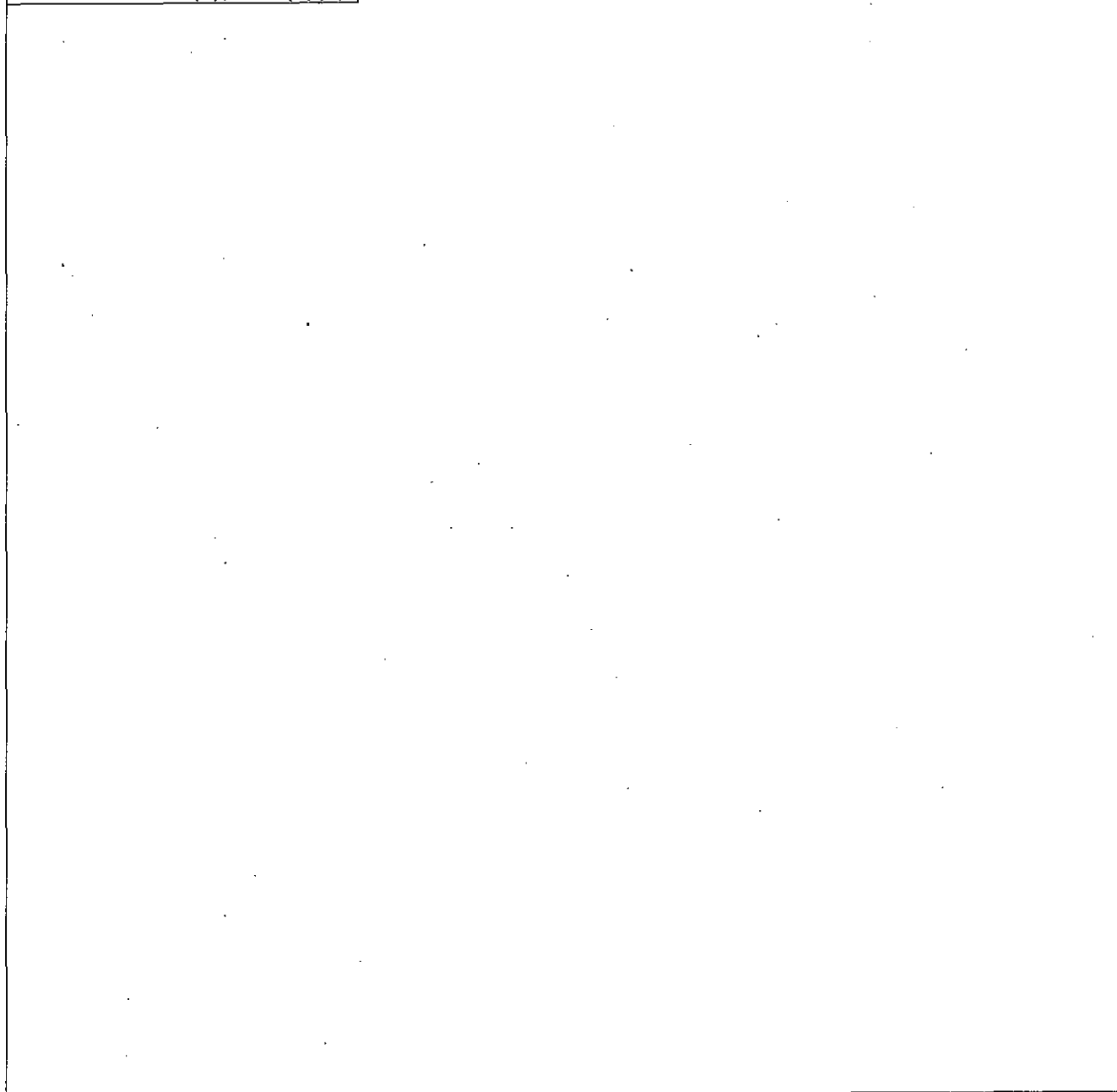
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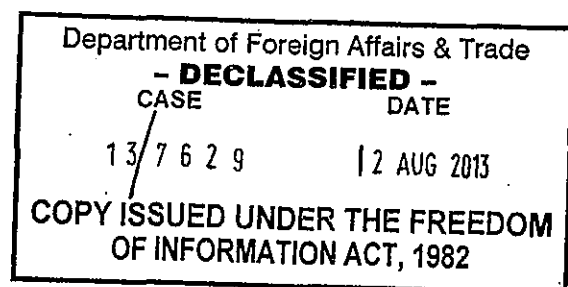
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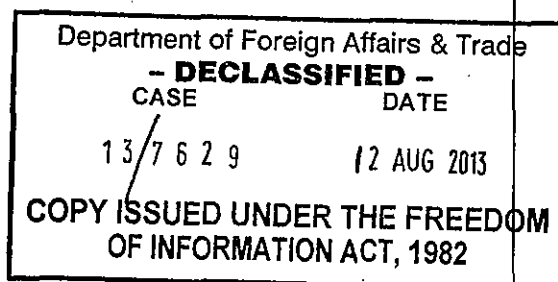


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Please find below media talking points on the Wartoto case. Wartoto is a 457 visa holder accused of corruption in PNG. We understand Fairfax is proposing to publish an investigative story on the case on Friday or Saturday.

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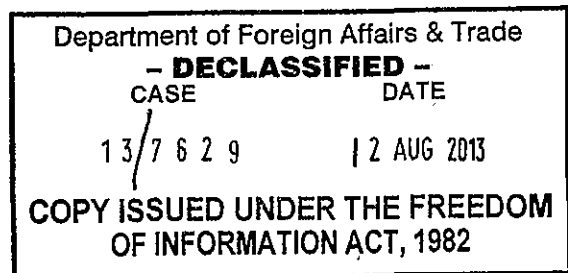
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- . This is a legal matter and it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage.

If asked about the involvement of Senator Carr's office or DFAT in the case:

- . Senator Carr's office has had no involvement in this matter.
- . DFAT has consulted with DIAC on this matter. As it relates to legal issues it is inappropriate to comment further.

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