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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 17 August 2017 10:47 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @defence.gov.au
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Sharrouf allegations ~~For Official Use Only~~

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Has Australian terrorist Khaled Sharrouf been killed in Syria with two of his children?

- I am aware of reports that Khaled Sharrouf and two of his sons have been killed in the conflict zone.
- As we have said previously, the Australian Government's capacity to confirm reports of deaths in either Syria or Iraq is extremely limited
 - these places are warzones, with many ungoverned spaces.
- Khaled Sharrouf is well known to Australian authorities
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- Sharrouf remains the subject of an Australian arrest warrant and targeted financial sanctions
 - the government will continue to collect information in anticipation of a possible prosecution.
- Anyone fighting with, providing material support to, or associating with ISIL, or other terrorist groups, is committing a serious crime and will be subject to the law.
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Did the Australian military play a role in the airstrike that allegedly killed Khaled Sharrouf?

- The Australian Government does not comment on specific intelligence matters.

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Cc: DM ISTF; Mccomish, Claire
Subject: RE: PPQ - reports of Sharrouf's death ~~For Official Use Only~~

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Does the Australian Government take responsibility for the death of Sharrouf's two sons s 47F(1), reportedly in the car with him?

- No government is responsible for the decision to take the young children to an active war zone.
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 - and if they manage to return, they will be subject to the full extent of the law.

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