

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 24 June 2024 5:17 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii); Trudy McGowan; Madeleine Casey
Cc: Richelle Turner
Subject: FW: Running Sheet Update 24/6 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Repatriation Running Sheet (004).docx

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Please let me know of any changes – so many emails/messages I'm likely to have missed something.

From: Craig Maclachlan <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:13 PM
To: Stephen Smith <Stephen.Smith@dfat.gov.au>; Kevin Rudd <kmrudd@dfat.gov.au>; Trudy McGowan <Trudy.McGowan@dfat.gov.au>; Madeleine Casey <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <s.22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au>
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See attached latest run sheet, with some additional information on the Canberra end.

Stephen, we have booked three vehicles (a van for the final destination; a van to take JR, SA and BP to East Hotel; a car to take HOMs and s 22(1)(a)(ii) to the Realm).

Need advice on who goes in which car – or indeed whether any of the cars are needed.

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We have also booked a room on the ground floor for a press conference. We have pencilled that into the programme for 2100, but it is moveable. But it cannot be used after 2230.

We will keep working on this as details come in from Saipan and during the course of your day and long wait.

Tks
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Craig Maclachlan

Deputy Secretary

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Running Sheet (@1130AM 23 June)

LONDON (9 hours behind Canberra)**MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024**

0630	All delegation arrive Stoke Lodge (45 Hyde Park Gate SW7 5DU)
0630-0700	Briefing and refreshments at Stoke Lodge
0700	Depart Stoke Lodge
0830	High Commissioner, delegation and client arrive at Inflight Jet Centre All delegation to remain within room allocated for duration until boarding.
0930	Client Pre-Hearing Interview
1700	Board aircraft
1800	Aircraft departs London

BANGKOK (3 hours behind Canberra)**TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024**

1150	Aircraft arrives Bangkok – met by Post
1200	Layover in Bangkok – Private terminal booked –(MJETS) 2 private rooms with food/refreshments & bathroom/shower available. Separate space for crew..
2025	Board aircraft
2055	Aircraft departs Bangkok

SAIPAN (same time zone as Canberra)**WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE**

0600	Depart for Airport HOM (W), HOM (P), s 22(1)(a)(ii) (20 minutes)
0700	Aircraft arrives Saipan (7 passengers)
0700-0830	Opportunity to refresh at Crowne Plaza Hotel – light breakfast arranged.
0830	Transfer to Court via escorted vehicles x 3 • Client, s 47F(1) , HOM (W), HOM (L), s 2
0845	Arrive at Court
0900	Court Hearing scheduled to begin at 0900
0900	Bag drop off and sweep of rooms in preparation of immediate departure (AS CNB)
1200	Transfer direct from Court to Airport
1215	Flight departs (9 passengers exl nurse) *Change of flight times managed by AS CNB
1855	Flights arrives CBR (34 Squad)

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CANBERRA

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

1700	DFAT officials arrive at 34 Squadron (CM, ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)})
1800	s 47F(1)
1855	Flight arrives Canberra 34 Squadron
1900	Customs/Quarantine clearances (on plane - tbc)
1930	Delegation transfers to VIP lounges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • client meets family in separate smaller lounge
2000	Client departs for s 47F(1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van with driver
2000	Client spouse & lawyers depart for East Hotel (Spouse, JR, BP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69 Canberra Ave, Kingston ACT 2604, (02) 62956925 • Van with driver
2015	HOM (W), HOM (L) and Counsellor (L) depart for Realm Hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600, (02) 61631800 • Comcar
2015	Remaining officials depart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • own transport
2100	Press Conference at East Hotel (Spouse, JR, BP)

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SAIPAN – HOM (W) RUNNING SHEET

MONDAY 24 JUNE	
0940	HOM (W) arrives Saipan – met by HOM (P), AS CNB, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
1015	Transfer to Crowne Plaza Hotel
TBA	HOM (P), AS CNB, s 22(1)(a)(ii) meet with s 33(a)(iii)
TBA	Reconnaissance of areas/routes/logistics (Airport/Hotel/Court)
1800	Depart for dinner at Kensington Hotel (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOM(W), HOM (P), AS CNB, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
	s 33(a)(iii)
2030	Depart for hotel for Crowne Plaza Hotel
2045	Arrive Crowne Plaza Hotel
TUESDAY 25 JUNE	
1000	Meet in Hotel foyer – travel to Governor's Office (10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOM (W) HOM (P), AS CNB, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
1030-1130	Meeting with Governor Palacios and Lt Governor Apatang – Governor's Office
1130-1300	LUNCH - TBC
1300-1600	Afternoon arrangements TBC
1830-2030	Dinner with DFAT staff Hotel restaurant or Japanese restaurant across the road from hotel (low key)

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CANBERRA TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

VEHICLES

Type	Registration No	Arrive 34 Squadron	Destination	Occupants
Van 1	TBA	1830	s 47F(1)	Client, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Van 2	TBA	1830	East Hotel	Spouse, JR, BP
Comcar	TBA	1830	Realm Hotel	HOM (W), HOM (L), Counsellor (L)

ACCOMMODATION

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MEDIA CONFERENCE (SA, JR, BP)

Hotel	Start	Finish	Room
East Hotel	2030	2230	Vinyl Room

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Full delegation list

Surname	First Name	Title/Relationships
Client and party		
		Client
<i>s 47F(1)</i>		
DFAT Officials		
Rudd	Kevin	HOM Washington
Smith	Stephen	HOM London
Casey	Madeleine	AS CNB
McGowan	Trudy	AS PSB
<i>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</i>		Counsellor London

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Cc: Madeleine Casey; Ben Milton; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: JA Media TPs - Washington and London.docx

Thanks Elisabeth. It's a line in response to media reports; it will get revised when we see the media reports. I am seeking the revised media points from the hill. Will share once I have these.

Tks
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Craig

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The points currently read:

In transit

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Here you go Mary
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Tom/Kathy

Draft TPs, as referred to in yesterday's email.

Let us know if you want more.

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To: Craig Maclachlan
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Subject: JA Media Points - HOM London comments

Attachments: 240623_JA_MEDIA_DOCS_London HOM comments.docx

Importance: High

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Thank you,

Elisabeth

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We have consistently advocated for Mr Assange's case to be brought to a conclusion.

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(The Australian Government is committed to the proper protection of all national security information, in an age where many people are putting their lives on the line each day in defence of our countries in often dangerous environments.

But, at a human level, the Government saw no merit in allowing this case to continue to drag on.)

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MEDIA Q&A

Where is Mr Assange now?

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- Ambassador Rudd has been active in engaging with the US system to bring this matter to a conclusion.
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Were concessions made by the Australian Government to facilitate his release?

- No. The Government has been clear in our view that Mr Assange's case has dragged on for long enough and should be brought to a close.

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What role did the Australian Government play in Mr Assange's repatriation to Australia?

- We were closely engaged with Mr Assange, his legal team and US and UK authorities to finalise arrangements for Mr Assange's return to Australia.

Details of Mr Assange's welfare?

- I am not able to disclose details relating to Mr Assange's welfare as that is a private matter for him.

Why shouldn't Assange be punished for endangering lives etc?

- The Prime Minister has been clear - no matter your view on Wikileaks and the history of this case, it has dragged on too long. It needed to be brought to a close.
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 - But, at a human level, the Government saw no merit in allowing this case to drag on for another decade through appeals and counter-appeals.

What if any assistance is the government providing now he's home?

- We have been working hard to get Mr Assange home. His future is now in his own hands.

Whistleblower Protections?

- The Government is currently considering the outcomes of a consultation process undertaken in late 2023 on a second stage of whistleblower reforms.
- In June last year, Parliament passed priority amendments to the Public Interest Disclosure Act, which ensured immediate improvements to the public sector whistleblower scheme were in place in time for commencement of the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

McBride?

- The decision to prosecute David McBride, and the conduct of that prosecution, was the responsibility of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.
- The CDPP is independent of the government of the day – an important feature of our criminal justice system.

Boyle?

- Given the matter is before the courts, it is not appropriate to comment on this case.

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INTERNAL MEDIA BACKGROUND

On 20 June 2024, the Westminster Magistrates Court considered and accepted an application for bail reached between Mr Assange, the Crown Prosecution Service and the US Department of Justice allowing Mr Assange to leave the UK in the company of High Commissioner Smith to Saipan.

High Commissioner Smith and Ambassador Rudd accompanied Mr Assange to a US court hearing in Saipan on 26 June where a plea arrangement between Mr Assange and the US Department of Justice was accepted, enabling Mr Assange to return to Australia.

Mr Assange was first arrested in London on 8 December 2010 based on a European arrest warrant for alleged sex offences committed in Sweden in August 2010. He was granted bail on 17 December 2010 by the UK High Court.

Following a ruling by the UK Supreme Court that he should be extradited to Sweden, Mr Assange entered the Ecuadorian Embassy in London on 19 June 2012 and was granted asylum on 16 August 2012.

On 11 April 2019, Mr Assange was arrested in the Ecuadorian Embassy for not surrendering to the court for the warrant issued in 2012. Ecuador withdrew asylum alleging numerous violations of international conventions by Mr Assange.

In May 2019 and June 2020, while Mr Assange was in remand, the US unsealed new indictments against Mr Assange, charging him with violating the US Espionage Act of 2019 and one federal charge of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion.

Whilst Sweden dropped its charges, the US indicted Mr Assange in connection with one federal charge of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion for agreeing to break a password to a classified US Government computer and 17 counts of violating the US Espionage Act. On 24 June 2020, the US Justice Department varied the indictment against Mr Assange to include alleged incitement of hacking. If convicted, Mr Assange faced a cumulative total of 175 years imprisonment. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison on each count of violating the Espionage Act and a maximum penalty of five years for the single count of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion.

On 17 June 2022, UK Home Secretary Priti Patel ordered Mr Assange's extradition to the United States.

Recent Public Statements

21 May 2024: Prime Minister Albanese said, "I'm certain that we are continuing to work in a constructive fashion. Our position has been very clear, same position I had as Opposition Leader, I've had as Prime Minister, which is enough is enough. There's nothing to be served by the ongoing incarceration of Mr Assange. And we continue to work very closely to achieve that outcome".

12 April 2024: Minister Wong said, "We have consistently said both publicly and reflected that in our private engagements at prominent leader level, Foreign Minister level and others, that we believe nothing is to be gained from Mr Assange's continued incarceration. I have made reference to the fact that we can't dictate or direct what another country does in terms of its legal system. In part, that is

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also something that Mr Assange's legal team needs to deal with ... we have been encouraging publicly and privately that this matter be resolved".

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Thanks. I have sent these to the Hill; they have the master copy and will finalise this evening.

On Saipan arrangements, I think this is now best handled by the team on the ground there. Madeleine is in copy and can be the POC.

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- In June last year, Parliament passed priority amendments to the Public Interest Disclosure Act, which ensured immediate improvements to the public sector whistleblower scheme were in place in time for commencement of the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

McBride?

- The decision to prosecute David McBride, and the conduct of that prosecution, was the responsibility of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.
- The CDPP is independent of the government of the day – an important feature of our criminal justice system.

Boyle?

- Given the matter is before the courts, it is not appropriate to comment on this case.

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INTERNAL MEDIA BACKGROUND

On 20 June 2024, the Westminster Magistrates Court considered and accepted an application for bail reached between Mr Assange, the Crown Prosecution Service and the US Department of Justice allowing Mr Assange to leave the UK in the company of High Commissioner Smith to Saipan.

High Commissioner Smith and Ambassador Rudd accompanied Mr Assange to a US court hearing in Saipan on 26 June where a plea arrangement between Mr Assange and the US Department of Justice was accepted, enabling Mr Assange to return to Australia.

Mr Assange was first arrested in London on 8 December 2010 based on a European arrest warrant for alleged sex offences committed in Sweden in August 2010. He was granted bail on 17 December 2010 by the UK High Court.

Following a ruling by the UK Supreme Court that he should be extradited to Sweden, Mr Assange entered the Ecuadorian Embassy in London on 19 June 2012 and was granted asylum on 16 August 2012.

On 11 April 2019, Mr Assange was arrested in the Ecuadorian Embassy for not surrendering to the court for the warrant issued in 2012. Ecuador withdrew asylum alleging numerous violations of international conventions by Mr Assange.

In May 2019 and June 2020, while Mr Assange was in remand, the US unsealed new indictments against Mr Assange, charging him with violating the US Espionage Act of 2019 and one federal charge of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion.

Whilst Sweden dropped its charges, the US indicted Mr Assange in connection with one federal charge of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion for agreeing to break a password to a classified US Government computer and 17 counts of violating the US Espionage Act. On 24 June 2020, the US Justice Department varied the indictment against Mr Assange to include alleged incitement of hacking. If convicted, Mr Assange faced a cumulative total of 175 years imprisonment. The charges attract a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison on each count of violating the Espionage Act and a maximum penalty of five years for the single count of conspiracy to commit computer intrusion.

On 17 June 2022, UK Home Secretary Priti Patel ordered Mr Assange's extradition to the United States.

Recent Public Statements

21 May 2024: Prime Minister Albanese said, "I'm certain that we are continuing to work in a constructive fashion. Our position has been very clear, same position I had as Opposition Leader, I've had as Prime Minister, which is enough is enough. There's nothing to be served by the ongoing incarceration of Mr Assange. And we continue to work very closely to achieve that outcome".

12 April 2024: Minister Wong said, "We have consistently said both publicly and reflected that in our private engagements at prominent leader level, Foreign Minister level and others, that we believe nothing is to be gained from Mr Assange's continued incarceration. I have made reference to the fact that we can't dictate or direct what another country does in terms of its legal system. In part, that is

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also something that Mr Assange's legal team needs to deal with ... we have been encouraging publicly and privately that this matter be resolved".

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To: Elisabeth Bowes
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No worries. They didn't make the changes, but have shared the TPs directly with SS and he has reverted!
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Thanks Craig. Noted re Maddy as contact.

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You're covered.

Tks

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I'm completely relaxed. Just need a car.

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To: "Stephen Smith" <Stephen.Smith@dfat.gov.au>, "Kevin Rudd" <kmrudd@dfat.gov.au>, "Trudy McGowan" <Trudy.McGowan@dfat.gov.au>, "Madeleine Casey" <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
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To: "Stephen Smith" <Stephen.Smith@dfat.gov.au>, "Craig Maclachlan" <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>
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< C Craig Maclachlan @ 📺 📞

Mon, 24 Jun

Hi Craig, s 47E(d)
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Thanks

I am speaking to the offices shortly.
Will advise if there's anything
additional 07:30

s 47E(d)

I will, but I want to work off their
master, otherwise it's too hard to keep
track of the version control! 07:32

Understand and agree with that 07:32

KK going to send you and KR the TPs.

s 47E(d)

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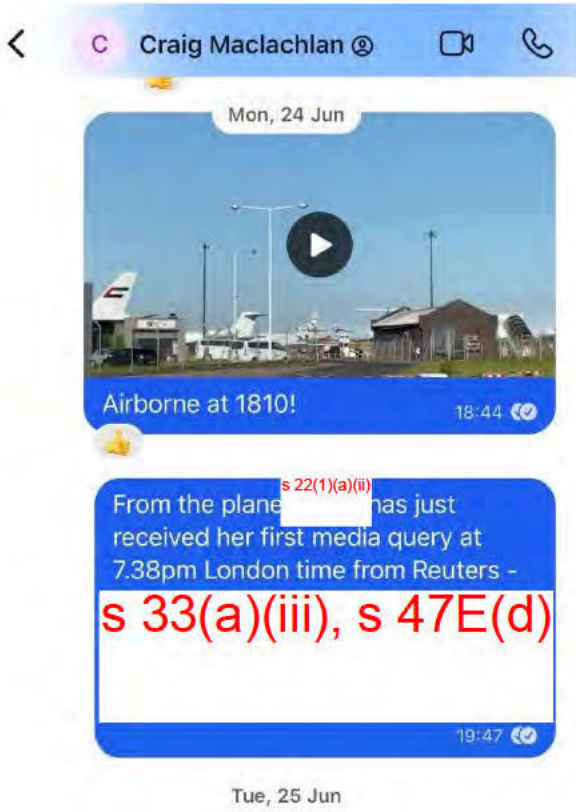
I have responded accordingly and got
a thanks so over to them now. Mon, 24 Jun



Thanks 09:04

Latest draft with KR and SS
suggestions includes my previous
tweaks. All good by me. 09:47



Airborne at 1810! 18:44




< J Jan Adams @  

Mon, 24 Jun

Stephen, best wishes for today and next days. s 47F(1), s 47E(d)
s 47F(1), s 47E(d)

Jan 05:17

Thanks Jan. Client at Stanstead. Traveling party on the move. The adventure begins! s 47F(1), s 47E(d)
s 47F(1), s 47E(d) 07:01 

Extraordinary 07:03

s 47E(d)

So far so good. s 47F(1), s 47E(d)
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Boarding three hours. 14:07 

Thanks for the update. We are all looking forward to Wednesday night. 14:09

Tue, 25 Jun