

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Subject: FW: TASKING: Senate Estimates - February 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024 10:43:58 PM

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to take the Havana Syndrome one forward. I will let s 22(1)(a)(ii) know

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Brett s 22(1)(a)(ii),

Havana syndrome has been allocated to OSS. If you agree a paper is required then grateful if you

would discuss with ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} a reallocation to TSS please.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 33(a)(iii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Anomalous Health Incidents [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 8 December 2021 12:20:02 AM

Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It is a grey area at the moment with very limited information. I'm trying to see if I can put the few small pieces that we have together s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

It's just something that we will need to watch.

Chat Thursday,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: Anomalous Health Incidents [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Regards

s 33(a)(iii)

RE: Draft cable for review: Unexplained Health Incidents [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]**Brett Marshall** <Brett.Marshall@dfat.gov.au>

Thu 16/09/2021 10:27 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 1 attachments (31 KB)

UHI Cable draft with MDU feedback (2).docx;

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Many thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) updated as attached.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) – for action as discussed.

cheers

Brett

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) | s 22(1)(a)(ii) | brett.marshall@dfat.gov.au**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>**Sent:** Thursday, 16 September 2021 8:37 AM**To:** Brett Marshall <Brett.Marshall@dfat.gov.au>**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>**Subject:** Re: Draft cable for review: Unexplained Health Incidents[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) grateful for any comments as discussed. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

thanks

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ANOMOLOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS

Handling Note: Chief Security Officer to lead on all Protective Security questions.

Key Messages

- . We are aware of media reporting **s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)** on the phenomenon known as Anomalous Health Incidents (AHI), Unexplained Health Incidents (UHI), or Havana Syndrome.
 - Media reporting has suggested that these symptoms may have resulted from the deliberate targeting of diplomats or intelligence officers – particularly American – by hostile actors.
 - However it is not possible to conclude that the events are the result of intentional attacks that cause physical harm.
- . There are no confirmed cases of AHI in the Australian diplomatic network and there is no reporting to suggest we are a target any such activity.
- . However the safety of our staff remains a priority and we are closely monitoring in collaboration with the Principal Medical Adviser.
- . **s 47E(d)**

Background

- . AHI has been associated with a sudden onset of a perceived loud sound, pressure, or pain in the head, sometimes accompanied by disorientation, nausea, headaches, vertigo, visual disturbances or changes in cognition.
 - However these symptoms are generic and experiencing them does not necessarily indicate an AHI has occurred.
 - Locations where AHI is reported to have occurred include **s 33(a)(iii)**
- . **s 47E(d), s 47F(1)**

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. s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

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Wed 27/10/2021 12:29 PM

To: Leonard Brennan <Leonard.BRENNAN@dfat.gov.au>

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Many thanks Len.

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Happy with brief as drafted.

Cheers,

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Sorry, with some latest info.

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Hi Len,

I'm doing a v short back pocket brief for Minoli in case AHI comes up in Estimates tomorrow.

Just wanted to check if any further reports since the cable went out? Would be able to say there have been no recent reports likely to relate to AHI?

thanks

Brett

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Global: Havana Syndrome reports and staff welfare

Summary: There are increasing reports of so-called Havana Syndrome affecting a small number of diplomatic staff worldwide. DSD and MDU encourage all staff to monitor for potential incidents and contact the MDU for advice and investigation.

Body:

Diplomatic Security Division (DSD) and the Medical Unit (MDU) are monitoring media reporting of unexplained or anomalous health incidents (AHI), sometimes referred to as Havana Syndrome, ^{s 47E(d), s}

We

seek to minimise risk to our staff and have developed the below guidance to assist those who may be impacted.

AHI is associated with a sudden onset of a perceived loud sound, pressure, or pain in the head, accompanied by disorientation, nausea, headaches, vertigo or balance disruption, visual disturbances or changes in cognition. However, these symptoms can be generic and experience of any of them does not necessarily indicate an AHI has occurred.

Staff who have experienced a sudden onset of these symptoms, are strongly encouraged to contact the MDU **s 47E(d)** [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:mdu@dfat.gov.au) for medical advice and further investigation. You should also note the incident in your Post-posting Medical Assessment.

Information available to date indicates the initial symptoms are often linked to specific locations. For those staff who may experience these symptoms in the future, we therefore recommend you immediately relocate, move away from any electronic devices and contact the MDU. **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

Grateful if posts can share this information with remote workers who may not be monitoring cables.

RE: Draft cable for review: Unexplained Health Incidents [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Leonard Brennan <Leonard.BRENNAN@dfat.gov.au>

Thu 16/09/2021 9:07 AM

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Thank Brett,

Happy with that. We will also need to think about how we investigate cases down the track. Medically we can document signs and symptoms s 47E(d)

Cheers,

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RE: Vietnam - Possible case of Havana Syndrome [REDACTED]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thu 26/08/2021 10:14 AM

To: Leonard Brennan <Leonard.BRENNAN@dfat.gov.au>

Thanks Len,
I would be happy to attend.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Vietnam - Possible case of Havana Syndrome [redacted]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for looping in EHS. EHS notes that any injuries/illnesses for A-based staff arising out of a targeted attacked would potentially be compensable under the Comcare scheme.

s 47E(d)

Kind regards,

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Subject: FW: Vietnam - Possible case of Havana Syndrome [redacted]

Hi Leonard, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

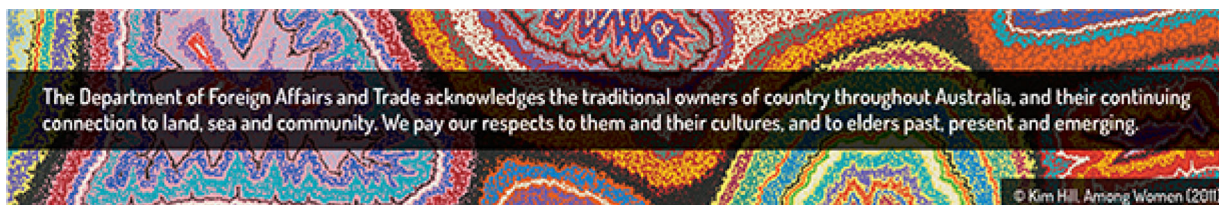
Our RSO in Ho Chi Minh City has just advised us of a possible attack/cases of Havana syndrome in Vietnam.

Sharing this for your awareness, but also grateful for any advice that MDU, IPL or EHS may have. I do however appreciate that Havana syndrome is somewhat mystical.

Thanks in advance and hope you are all keeping well.

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 Subject: Vietnam - Possible case of Havana Syndrome [REDACTED]

s 47E(d) for your interest:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/two-u-s-diplomats-be-evacuated-vietnam-after-havana-syndrome-n1277539>

s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

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Re: Potential HS incident[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Mon 24/01/2022 11:53 AM

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s 47F(1)

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s 47F(1)

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Subject: Potential HS incident [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Dear medical unit,

s 47E(d)

,s 47F(1)



RE: Report in relation to **s 47E(d)** [REDACTED] [ACCESS=Personal-Privacy]

Leonard Brennan <Leonard.BRENNAN@dfat.gov.au>

Tue 28/09/2021 9:40 PM

To: **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** @dfat.gov.au; **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** @dfat.gov.au

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RE: Havana Syndrome [REDACTED]

Personal privacy

Hi **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

Some more information on the vague Havana Syndrome.

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Hi Len,

It's probably time for me to do a bit more deep reading up around Havana syndrome...

I just wanted to run the email below by you for advice on an approach but am very happy to respond to it.
s 47F(1)

Do you want us to make notes on who comes forward with these types of queries? Do you advocate a particular course of action (e.g. ENT or dizziness clinic review on leave fare in Australia)?

I figured with your recent cable, you must have had some thoughts around it recently and wanted to present a united response.

Thanks!

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Hi Brett,

Thanks for sharing the draft. Looks good.

Did you want to include a line that says something like 'these symptoms can be generic and experience of any / all of them does not necessarily indicate an AHI has occurred'? Just to inject some balance so the Dept is not overwhelmed with false positive reports. Up to you but thought I'd flag it for consideration.

Just one other minor thing. Is the word 'as' missing in paragraph 2? Sometimes referred to as Havana syndrome.

Cheers

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Hi ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} grateful for any comments as discussed. **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

thanks

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