
From: Lachlan Strahan
Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2022 1:48 PM
To: Mat Kimberley; Kate Duff
Cc: Sally-Anne Vincent
Subject: FW: s 47F(1) deadline request for comment [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Mat and Kate

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Best wishes Lachie

Dr Lachlan Strahan
High Commissioner
Australian High Commission, Honiara, Solomon Islands

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47F(1) from s 47F(1) which was from a previous email correspondence has sent through the following questions for Lachie. s 47E(d)

I note that DFAT media in Canberra was included in the distribution list.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(i)

From: s 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2022 1:16 PM
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Sydney bureau chief

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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 11:53 PM

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To: "Ewen McDonald" <Ewen.McDonald@dfat.gov.au>, "Kate Duff" <Kate.Duff@dfat.gov.au>, "Lachlan Strahan" <Lachlan.Strahan@dfat.gov.au>, "Sally-Anne Vincent" <Sally-Anne.Vincent@dfat.gov.au>
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Good morning
s 47C(1)

Mat
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Hi both, as requested, here is a copy of the final response provided to s 47F(1).
Last night the journalist indicated his hard deadline was 10:00am this morning which suggests they are going to print Friday US time. It may appear online as early as midnight US time (later today AEST), but I'm only speculating.

s 22(1)
(a)(ii)

Director | Media Liaison Section
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T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
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Dear s 47F(1),

Thank you for your patience, please find a response below.

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Attributable to a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesperson:

Australia and Solomon Islands are members of the Pacific family – we share a region and we share a future, based on transparency, respect and true partnership.

We welcome Prime Minister Sogavare's assurances that Australia remains Solomon Islands' first security and development partner of choice and that there will be no foreign military bases or persistent foreign military presence.

Australia has been aware of China's interest in greater engagement in the security sector in Solomon Islands for some time.

The Australian Government's view is that the security of the Pacific should be the responsibility of the Pacific family.

Australian assistance directly supports the security and stability of the democratically elected government of the Solomon Islands and its citizens.

Since deploying in November 2021 Australia's security deployment has at all times conducted its operations at the direction of and in accordance with the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force's (RSIPF) priorities.

We unconditionally condemn any form of politically motivated violence.

Australia supports infrastructure investment that is transparent, inclusive and open and which will be delivered to a standard that will deliver long-term benefits, meets genuine needs, and avoids unsustainable debt burdens to Solomon Islands.

The release of the KPMG report is a matter for Solomon Islands Government. The report was not commissioned by Australia. We are, in response to a Solomon Islands Government request for telecommunications towers to improve communications along their western border, funding the construction of six towers across three provinces.

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Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks for your response. I can likely push my deadline to 5 p.m. AEST on Thursday, Aug. 4. Will that work?

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Good Afternoon s 47F(1)

Thank you for your enquiry. DFAT Media are working to facilitate a response to your questions. Unfortunately we are unlikely to be able to meet your deadline of Wednesday 3 August. Would you still be interested in receiving a response outside of this timeframe?
 Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 27 September 2022 12:32 PM
To: Lachlan Strahan
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Leroy wharf Visit - Australian High Commission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Lachie

s 47F(1) is back from Australia – let us now when you would like to do Leroy wharf and will get back to him.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Counsellor (Economic Cooperation)
 Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands
 T | s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 26 September 2022 9:03 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 47F(1)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Thank you for visit - Australian High Commission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I've return and in Honiara. Let me know when you want to come over at Leroy Wharf. I'll be on standby.

Regards

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s 47F(1)

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On 15/9/22 11:10 am, s 47F(1) wrote:

Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

No problem at all. Commissioner Lachlan Strahan will be welcome to Leroy Wharf.

From Monday 26 Sept on wards, you just let me know when you are coming.

Regards

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On 15/9/22 7:40 am, s 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote:

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Many thanks s 47F(1)

I hope you enjoy your time in Australia.

Regards,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

First Secretary (Economic)
Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Cc: s 47F(1)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Thank you for visit - Australian High Commission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 47F(1)

Will be in touch on your return. Our High Commissioner Lachlan Strahan is also interested in a tour as well.

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Counsellor (Economic Cooperation)
Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands
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From: s 47F(1)

Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2022 10:56 PM

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Dear ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Thank you for your email. We also appreciate you taking some time off from your office and visit Leroy Wharf.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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On 14/9/22 3:20 pm, s 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote:

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Dear s 47F(1)

I wanted to write to say thank you for the tour of Leeroy Wharf last week – it was very interesting to see how the wharf has developed and hear your vision.

I also would like to introduce you to **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** , our Economic Counsellor at the Australian High Commission. Unfortunately **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** was unable to make the tour but would be keen to meet with you to discuss more about Leroy wharf and your views and visions for building Solomon Islands' economy.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

– so I will leave it to **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** to introduce herself and arrange a meeting.

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

First Secretary (Economic)
Australian High Commission, Solomon Islands
T | **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**