

Op COVINA update [SEC=PROTECTED]

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 Good evening Michael

In relation to Op COVINA investigation activities this week the investigation has progressed to a degree however recent information obtained 29/4/21 has identified a number of material differences between initial disclosure by the victim and subsequent disclosures. This is concerning and requires further consideration moving forward. I will provide a further brief moving forward however a considerable amount of work is required before this can be provided. Anticipated time period early next week

* Investigators received information [REDACTED] H) that may be relevant to our investigation. [REDACTED] In addition a number of recordings relevant to the incident were captured and are believed to be currently held at APF. Inquiries ongoing with APF to obtain recordings.

* All phone data and [REDACTED] cleaned

* Defence Liaison Officer working in Ministers office at the time identified and contacted - legal advice being sort prior to making statement

* Meeting held with [REDACTED], Assistant Secretary Ministerial and Parliamentary Business at Defence and Defence General Counsel re Defence inquires including
 Availability of mobile phone utilised by suspect at time of incident

o Requested defence computer logs for suspect and victim for time in question

o Recovery of email received on defence IT system of Ms Higgins from suspect Lehrmann two days after incident

o Question time brief inquiry clarification
 Defence legal counsel facilitating the above inquires - ongoing

* Electronic access logs obtained from APF re swipe access of both suspect and Higgins - under review

* Continuing to obtain statements from relevant witnesses

* Compilation of brief of evidence for review & decision ongoing

Regards

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