

RE: Operation Covina [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Andrew

All in train. The full brief should be available this week. Heath has been given the good news.

ToR as identified.

Michael

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Michael,

I tried calling.

I have negotiated some time from next Wednesday 28 July (3 days - hoping to do quicker than that) to conduct a review of the BoE. By chance I bumped into CPO today and he offered the assistance of his EO, Heath Langlands (Don't think he is aware). I have also secured the services of a Detective Sergeant in EBB and also perhaps someone from the ISP. It is important given the potential scrutiny that the process I follow is best practice and to that end I will be using the AFP Review (reflective) standards.

To assist can I ask for the following:

- * Heath is informed including the potential timeframe; and
- * I am provided with a copy of the BoE.

Finally, can you confirm the ToR:

- * Review the Brief of Evidence (as of 28 July 2021) to; identify further lines of enquiry; and potential concerns as to the evidence.

Happy to chat if required.

Regards

Andrew

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Thanks for the update. My preference is for you to undertake the 'red team' approach ASAP. Without pre-empting the outcome we will be progressing with an outcome once the full brief is completed. (2 weeks)

Yes Director, ACT DPP has provided an indication of where he sits but ultimately it is up to us to decide on whether we charge or not. I don't believe it will require a significant amount of time to complete.

Happy to work on getting this done as I know the CPO is very interested in this as I think the Commissioner may be given his answers in the estimates hearings.

Michael

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Morning Mick and Scott,

As you are aware I indicated that I would review Op Covina on my return from leave. IC priorities have now changed as we have been advised we have our Command Assessment Review with the C and Deputies this Thursday. As a result this will need to be my priority.

I will reach out to you this week to discuss:

the requirement for the review to be conducted given media reporting that the ACTDPP has 'independently' reviewed and provided advice to ACTP; and
a revised timeframe.

ACI - FYI. Depending on requirements of ACTP I may need to negotiate time from BAU activity.

Regards,

Andrew.
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Sir,
Please find attached Executive Brief (EB) in relation to Operation Covina including a summary report and time line of disclosures identified during the investigation. Within the EB is the file path for accessing the electronic copy of the investigation, appreciate if you could conduct a "red team" assessment as per DCPO comments.

Kind regards
Scott.

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