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No. It's clear from the below that Shane Drumgold told her.

By way of background, pursuant to section 14C Victims of Crime Act (the new Victims Charter) I "must" engage with Ms Higgins in regards to her "personal situation", relating to her "rights and dignity". This mandates that I inform Ms Higgins that her counselling notes were disclosed on defence, as well as all action the DPP has taken to remedy the situation. Pursuant to this, I have always been transparent with Ms Higgins regarding DPP engagement with the AFP following disclosure of the relevant material.

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Thanks Scott

CPO has been advised - he said this might have already been discussed in court proceedings? Would that be how they found out???

Jo

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Jo,

See below from Shane Drumgold - I'd be interested to know how the ABC ever found out about the defence being shared the counselling notes. Also I had confirmation from Mr Korn (defence barrister) that the brief initially served on him (containing the counselling notes) was never accessed.

Regards Scott.

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Dear Scott

This is a courtesy email to inform you that I have just received a media enquiry suggestive that the ABC may run a story on the disclosure of Miss Higgins counselling notes on defence, and I outline my position as it may inform the AFP position.

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Whilst I am required to provide this information to Ms Higgins, I have advised her that the any communication between the AFP and DPP is subject to professional legal privilege and cannot be disclosed further disclosed.

I have not engaged with the media on this issue and I have declined to make any comment to media now, and will continue to do so. My standard response is "The DPP will decline to comment on this matter, as it is currently before the court". It is a matter for the AFP, however my desire is that the AFP also decline to comment whilst the matter is currently before the court.

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